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Berger ace to move?

By
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St George Budapest and West Adelaide Hellas are bidding for star Heidelberg striker Stuart Stevenson.

Stevenson wouldn't confirm this, however sources at both clubs revealed last week that he was their prime target for 1986.

Not that West Adelaide Hellas will stop at Stevenson. Hellas coach Neil McGachey attended the Southern Division Grand Final in September and is believed to have approached transfer listed South Melbourne Hellas star Doug Brown and a couple of other top Melbourne-based players.

Two other Sydney clubs have made tentative approaches for Stevenson who put in a transfer request to the Heidelberg committee a month ago and is waiting to find out how much money is on his head and whether he will have hassles leaving.

"I've been told that Heidelberg only can ask for expenses they've outlaid on me so I don't expect my transfer fee to be any more than \$10,000," said Stevenson, in his second season with Heidelberg since arriving from Scotland.

Which makes Stevenson a real bargain. No wonder so many clubs are interested in securing his striking talents.

Stevenson continued to hedge when I asked him if he'd prefer a move to Sydney rather than Adelaide.

"If I was to get a concrete offer from Sydney I'd have to really consider it. If a player wants to further himself then Sydney's probably his best bet. If you show that you can perform up there then people sit up and take notice."

Stevenson said a specialist last week about the cartilage trouble he's carried through-

out the recently completed month, provided I rest. I've been training three nights a week and playing on the weekends so I haven't had a chance to rest it."

Stevenson is ambitious and confident in his ability to make his mark in Australian soccer, even though he hasn't had a great year in 1985.

"Good strikers work in pairs but I haven't really had a striking partner all year. The Selemedis is a good player but he's not a striker. Stevie Winn had one of those seasons when nothing would go right for him while Scotty Patterson had too many hassles with the club and eventually was ditched."

"Wherever I go, I want to have a striking partner. All the good sides have that. Heidelberg has it."

The Stevenson saga may take a new twist shortly and he may stay in Melbourne after all, but not with Heidelberg. One of the other leading Melbourne-based NSL clubs contacted me last week and I gave them Stevenson's phone number. No doubt once officials of that club read this story they'll be in touch with Stevenson in a flash.



• Stuart Stevenson

England's big five also want

Croatia Juve's next victim



• Juventus midfielder Fabio Incantolupo, who scored twice on Sunday, is floored by George Cross defender Tyrone James (right). Picture: LES SHORROCK.

There surely are no critics left — Brunswick Juventus silenced them all last weekend with a stunning display against George Cross and can't wait to get its teeth into Melbourne Croatia when they clash at Olympic Park on Sunday in the second semi-final of the 1985 Ricoh Dockerty Cup.

Despite the absence of midfielder Richard Miranda, sent off against Sunshine-George Cross last weekend, Juventus has enough depth to easily overcome Croatia's challenge.

As we went to press, we didn't know whether or not Soccer Mike Petersen and Robbie Dunn

By Craig MacKenzie

• This Sunday's Ricoh Dockerty Cup semi-finals, with likely winners in capitals:

AT OLYMPIC PARK NO 1. GREEN GULLY V Preston Makedonia at 1.15pm, followed by BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS V Melbourne Croatia.

would be available to play for Juventus and Preston Makedonia respectively in the Dockerty semis. Their presence certainly would be

a big boost to their team's chances of reaching the final.

Most pundits expect Makedonia to beat Green Gully at Olympic Park in the first semi-final at 1.15pm on Sunday and set up a repeat of this year's Southern Division Grand Final clash with Juventus.

Although this is Makedonia's last chance to win something this year, I expect underdog Green Gully to triumph.

Makedonia is a shadow of the side which proved itself a power in the NSL this season. Ian Dobson and Steve Smith are out injured, Gordon Flavell is transfer-listed and, of course, there's doubt about Dunn's availability.

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super league

By MARK LEVER in London
and LAURIE SCHWAB

England's glamor clubs, like their Australian counterparts, are pushing for a "super league".

Just as Australia's most powerful 14 clubs want to play each other in a revamped league next season, so England's big five — Manchester United, Liverpool, Everton, Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal — say they are ready to quit the Football League.

The "Daily Mirror" reported last week that these clubs plan to invite 13 or 14 other crowd-pullers from the First and Second Divisions to join them next season in a new competition.

Chairman of the five would not comment on the report, which followed rumors within football circles that at least a skeletal breakaway plan had been drawn up.

Meanwhile, NSL chairman Sam Papasavas said a Council of Clubs meeting was planned for October 18, to decide on the 1986 league format.

The latest development, at a meeting in Sydney last week, is that APFA, at least, is willing to play in the Southern Division if the two-division format is retained. Reports that either Sydney Croatia or Sydney Hakoah would be willing to do likewise, so that the two Brisbane clubs could move to the Northern Division, remain unconfirmed.

APFA's position is precarious. Penrith is pushing ahead with legal action over what it claims were irregularities in the awarding of points and rulings on layers' eligibility. If Penrith is successful, it could retain its NSL membership, while APFA is relegated.

The game's struggle for financial stability in England over the past decade in the face of mushrooming player payments and growing commercialism has seen the idea of a rebel league surface several times.

However, it is being taken more seriously this time as clubs are faced with a dramatic plunge in gates due to last season's crowd violence and the tough new measures to combat it, such as drink bans and all-ticket matches.

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Branko's tops

• Branko Culina (pictured) of St Albans Dinamo finished third while with Northcote in 1983 and second to Jim Maclean in 1984. Finally it was his turn to win the Victorian Rothmans Medal last Friday night.

It was a fitting birthday present. He had turned 28 three days earlier.

MacLean of Morwell Falcons, finished second.

Culina, a skilful midfielder or forward, is in his third stint with St Albans Dinamo, and also is the first Australian-born player to win the medal.

It was in 1974 that he had his first season with St Albans, moving from there to Melbourne Croatia where he played from 1975 to 1980.

He moved to Sydney Croatia in 1980, Blacktown in the NSL in 1981, back to St Albans in 1982, Northcote in 1983 and back to St Albans yet again in 1984.

Frank Arok philosopher

Maclean takes
Fleming Medal

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Olympic-Marrickville?

Sydney Olympic will push for amalgamation with Canterbury-Marrickville if Tom Doumanis succeeds Jim Petinellis as Olympic's president.

"If we want to have a top team representing the Greek community of Sydney, then Olympic and Canterbury have to amalgamate," Doumanis said this week.

"Both clubs rely on financial support from the Greek community, but how deeply our supporters dig into their pockets?"

"If we both expect a high level of financial contributions from them in the National League, we may both suffer."

Canterbury has won the right to promotion by finishing at the top of the NSW State League.

Everything depends however, on what form the 1986 NSL will take. If it reverts to a 14-team league, Canterbury may not win a spot.

Doumanis, a solicitor, is Sydney Olympic's secretary at the moment.

He is among the candidates seeking to succeed Petinellis, who will relinquish the presidency due to ill health. The elections are on November 10.

Although he now favors amalgamation with Canterbury, Doumanis was among those who opposed the

move last time it came up. His objection at the time revolved around Canterbury's licensed club at Brighton le Sands. He suggested both Canterbury and Olympic should move to a neutral licensed club elsewhere, but the suggestion gained no support.

Despite reports that Olympic was trying to lure John Margaritis from Juventus, Olympic has reappointed Manfred Schaefer, who has done the job with great distinction over the past two years.

Captain Peter Raskopoulos is talking about moving to Western Australia with his parents but, according to Doumanis, Olympic will make him an offer he would find difficult to refuse.

And the club intends to re-sign top players Marshall Soper, Chris Kalantzis, Tony Dakos and Graham Jennings, whose contracts have expired. Martyn Rogers has been released to play in England during the Australian off-season, but will rejoin Olympic in 1986.

Doumanis said Olympic also would try to sign a top striker and a midfielder from within Australia.

Asked to name them, Doumanis said: "We're only after the best — someone of the calibre of Oscar Crino, Charlie Egan, Jim Patikas, David Mitchell . . . that type of player."

"We've been promised funds — a six-figure sum — from a group of supporters to buy players for next season."

— LAURIE SCHWAB



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APIA LEICHHARDT'S 1985 NSL SQUAD: Back row (l to r): Kerry Caban, Mark Brown, Vince Colagiuri, Bob Catlin, Bob Parks (moved to South Australia), Ian Rowden, Arno Bertogna, Bert Mariani. Front row: Frank Casacchia, Tony Morsello, Tony Genovese, Robbie De Ceglie, Terry Butler, Carlo Spina. Absent Tommy McCulloch, Jimmy Hamilton, Glenn Sterrey, Tom Steven, Louis Dounis, Howard Treddinnick, Jim McBride.

Here's the APiA squad that now comes under Rale Rasic's control:

BOB CATLIN: goalkeeper, 20, from Manly juniors. Made his debut in 1984 but only took over as number one this season when Bob Parks was transferred in his job to South Australia.

GLEN STERREY: right-back, only recently came into the first team but has been impressive in defence.

CARLO SPINA: right-back, 18, NSW state junior rep. In first year as a regular NSL squad member.

FRANK CASACCHIA: right-back, 22, currently sidelined through injury. Gained experience playing in Italy last year.

MARK BROWN: left-back, 22, like Catlin a product of the Manly district. Has made the left-back position his own since debut in 1983.

BERTIE MARIANI: sweeper, 29, signed from Marconi this year. Played for APiA in 1983 on loan from Marconi, but on returning to his original club last season was unable to claim a regular place in the team.

ARNO BERTOGNA: central defender, 26, signed from Wollongong City in 1983. Previously played for Newcastle KB United and Azzurri in Perth, Western Australia, where he grew up. A former Soccerroo, represented NSW against Queensland this season.

IAN ROWDEN: centre-back, 26, made a comeback to NSL football this year. A product of Western Suburbs juniors, was

Butler the veteran

on APiA's books, following their 1979 merger with Wests, then joined Sydney Olympic. Work commitments saw him quit soccer for two seasons prior to his return with APiA.

TERRY BUTLER: midfielder and club captain, 32. An institution who has been with the club for more than 20 years and played in the champion team of the mid-1970s. Has the rare ability to take control of a game from his central midfield position. Played under Rasic in national team, 1972.

TOMMY MCCULLOCH: midfielder, 21, signed from Marconi for \$2,000 this year. Former Australian Youth team captain who was a senior Soccerroo on last year's world tour. Hasn't produced his best form in his debut season for APiA, but was hindered in mid-season by a knee injury.

JIMMY HAMILTON: midfielder, 30, signed from Scottish Second Division club Queen of the South early in the season. Another player who was hindered by injury in his first season with APiA, but was in good form in the latter half of the competition. Played in Australia with Newcastle KB United in 1982 but then returned to his native Scotland.

TOM STEVEN: midfielder signed from Manly in mid-season. Played professionally in Scotland before joining NSW State League club North Sydney in 1981. Quickly snapped up by Sydney Croatia, then joined Manly in 1984. Given a free

transfer by Manly in mid-season when that club experienced financial difficulties.

ROBBIE DE CEGLIE: midfielder or striker, 22, a product of APiA's juniors. A solidly built player who was hit by serious injury in the second half of the 1985 season.

KERRY CABAN: striker, 26, signed from Northern NSW club Lake Macquarie in 1984, a strong, bustling striker who gets through a ton of work. This is only his second National League season previously only having played in the North NSW First Division.

JIM MCBRIDE: striker and guest player from Scottish club Stranraer. Played six games for APiA, scoring one goal. Indicated he may return on a permanent basis in 1986.

LOUIS DOUNIS: striker signed from Canterbury-Marriaville Olympic for \$3,000 in mid-season. This well-built young striker was seriously injured in his first NSL match following his transfer from the NSW State League club.

TONY MORSELLO: left striker, 26, a player who came through the junior ranks with APiA after a season in State League with Inter Monaro in 1980, returned to APiA to establish himself as a regular NSL player.

TONY GENOVESE: 20, from APiA juniors. Has always been on the fringe of the NSL team but has a knack of scoring goals as a substitute.

VINCE COLAGIURI: striker, highly promising, scored freely early in the year.

HOWARD TREDDINNICK: former Soccerroo who broke his leg in his first game after being signed from Melita Eagles.

Rasic, APiA seek glory of the past

It's good to see Rale Rasic back at top level coaching. His cherubic smile, Slavic good looks and disarming use of the English language without any reliance on such aids as the definite and indefinite articles, 'the', 'a' and 'an' have been missed.

For too long he was buried in the labyrinths of junior soccer at Canterbury with only rare opportunities to surface publicly, on SBS-TV, there to chastise players of 'his' national team.

Because, as long as he lives, Rale will, subconsciously or otherwise, seek the Soccerroos as his team, his babies and his creation; the intoxicating days of 1973 and



Andrew Dettre

1974 will, like a gigantic hangover, accompany him to the grave.

Now Rale is back, at the helm of long troubled APiA, having already been with St George, Budapest, Pan Hellenic, Marconi and Blacktown in Sydney as well as JUST, Melbourne Hellas and Adelaide Juventus elsewhere and all that in a mere 15 years or so, not to mention his four years with the Soccerroos.

Actually, the Rasic-APiA marriage could turn out to be quite successful.

APiA, after almost 10 years of decline — ever since its original decision not to join the NSL in 1978 — has become a team of very modest consequence, usually struggling at the bottom instead of being at the top, as in the past.

Its huge, once passionate band of supporters has melted like gelato in the sun; the team's continuous mediocrity, the overall loss of soccer's appeal and the gradual shift of Italian migrants into more middle-class pursuits have left their mark.

In Rasic, they will get an excellent coach, a very good organiser, a disciplinarian and a brilliant PR man who can charm almost anybody except Arthur George into submission.

Just how successful he will be at APiA depends, to a very large extent, on the type of support he will be given.

APiA's main problem in recent years has been its poor soccer organisation, the weak link between a capable president, Nick Papallo, and the team.

Some of the people who have, in recent years, tried to 'run' the club's soccer were not quite in the category of their predecessors in the Bayutti-era.

So Rasic will need a much stronger back-up organisation than was given to Fil Bottalico.

In all probabilities, Rasic will also need some money to spruce up new players — if APiA wants to rise above its

present abysmally low standard.

Despite the many brave and loyal statements by Bottalico during the season, the present squad is simply not good enough to wear the illustrious APiA colors, inherited from the even more illustrious FC Torio.

Just how much money the club can or is willing to splurge on new players is better known to them.

What they must decide is whether, in their opinion, a good APiA team could bring back the absent fans or not.

We can argue about this question for ever but all opinions remain hypotheses until proved.

There are not very many clubs in Australian soccer which could find it rewarding or at least justified to spend big money on its team in the hope of recouping it at the gates.

Croatia Sydney, obviously, is one of these clubs and so is South Melbourne Hellas and perhaps Croatia Melbourne; Olympic could be and Marconi should be in the same category.

For all the others, the logical advice is watch your pennies. Take Sydney Hakoah which despite winning titles ad nauseam, counts its supporters in the hundreds.

PS: By the time you read this, Australia's match against Israel is over. I'm writing this well before the game which could decide our immediate World Cup future.

I am very confident that the Soccerroos will get 'a result' in Tel Aviv — and by that I mean at least a draw.

For the past two years or so Frank Arok has been drilling his team — practically the same team — to learn the art of not losing.

I just cannot see them crumble all of a sudden against Israel. Don't be surprised if another scoreless draw is the outcome.

Makedonia's Murray plots the season

"It's like a dog's breakfast, it's all over the place."

That's Preston Makedonia coach Bill Murray talking about the Australian soccer season. Murray wanted to elaborate on remarks he made in last week's "Soccer Action".

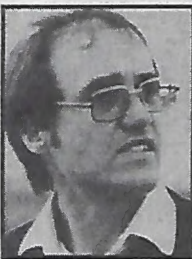
"The two major premises on which the season is structured are wrong. The first is that the more games you play, the more money you get in because more people watch the games. That's simply not true. Less people watch.

"The second premise is that in organising games we think that we can fit everything in, no matter what. That simply means that we are lumbered with an open-ended season that becomes ragged.

Murray believes that the Australian season could be snappier and sharper, for the benefit of all.

There should be definite points where the season starts and ends and they should be stuck to rigidly, no matter what. That way, we'd give the competitions more meaning. They'd be less confusing for fans to follow. Players also could have a decent break, they'd be sharper when they were playing throughout the season and fans would have something better to watch."

So here are Murray's suggestions for the restructuring of the season. He's not setting up as an expert in such matters; he's simply suggesting tentative guidelines that he



Bill Murray

readily admits can be improved upon.

1. The season could start at the end of January and finish at the end of September.

2. October could be used for any international or interstate commitments.

3. Every competition — the NSL, Victorian leagues, National Cup and Victorian cup competitions — could be fitted into the January-September framework.

4. The season should peak in September and the National Cup final should be the last club game. The first three weeks of September should be taken up with the final five series and all other Cup finals.

— Dockerty, Armstrong, Victorian League, Provisional League, Amateur League and

By **CRAIG MACKENZIE**

Industrial League — should be played before the National Cup final.

5. The Buffalo Gold Cup (a Victorian competition) should be revamped. It should consist of four groups of three teams each and could be run over just two weeks (Sunday, Wednesday, Sunday, Wednesday, Sunday).

That way interest in the preliminary rounds would be increased, for as Murray rightly points out, traditionally State League clubs do well in early games before succumbing to NSL opposition. (The present format breaks the clubs into two, six-team groups and by the fourth and fifth games of the preliminary rounds the State League sides can be easy pickings for their NSL opponents.)

6. If an NSL club has more than one player required for national team commitments then that club should have the right to have its match rescheduled. National team training camps shouldn't stop players returning to their respective clubs on weekends and playing for them.

"We've got to put more quality into games and make competitions more meaningful by completely tightening up our season. We can do it too. The season can be made a lot more attractive with just a little bit of determination and co-operation between the NSL and the respective state federations," Murray said.



• Peter Katholos, in action for Australia.

Katholos lifts Larissa

Peter Katholos has played in Larissa's past three matches in the Greek first Division.

With the former Sydney Olympic star running the midfield, Larissa started brilliantly and was second to Panathinaikos after four rounds.

Katholos was given a free clearance by Olympic in lieu of money the club owed him.

They have a gentlemen's agreement that Katholos will give Olympic first option to sign him if he returns to play in Australia.

Katholos was voted Australian Player of the Year in 1982.

Indoor boom hits Waverley

The newest indoor soccer centre in Melbourne is the Mount Waverley centre which opened in September 18. It is situated at the Waverley roller skating rink in Hardner Road. It is an attractive building with professional amenities for five-a-side games, or for junior games and for training sessions.

The director of the centre, Victor Dimopoulos, is confident the indoor scene is here to stay and goes as far as saying that "It will threaten the livelihood of the outdoor code".

His reasons are that the indoor code is non-contact, it can be played purely for fun and fitness and also taken seriously when the players have the opportunity to represent their centre, State or even Australia.

He adds that spectators are more inclined to come and watch a game indoors rather than in cold, windy conditions.

With the opening of the Waverley centre, the Australian Indoor Soccer Federation now has opened three new centres in only six months and two more are on the way in Watsonia and Lalor.

Dimopoulos is now looking for teams to fill the junior leagues, the men's league the women's league and if there are enough enquiries a mixed league. If anyone is interested, contact Victor on 544-1518 or after hours on 551-5965 and he'll arrange a time to enrol



• Croatia's 1968 team, back row: Kovacek, Bot, Young, J. Mackay, McIntyre, Rau, Becsi, D. Mackay, Friganovich. Front: J. Vojtek, Kemp, McMeekan, Currie, Adam. Missing: B. Vojtek.

A blast from the past — that's what Melbourne Croatia fans with good memories can expect when

they travel to Croatia's planned new complex in Sunshine on Sunday, October 20, for a club barbecue.

Croatia's heroes regroup

The highlight of the day-long entertainment will be a match between the current Croatia side and the all-conquering Croatia side of 1968 which won the Victorian State League championship, the Dockerty Cup and the old Ampol Cup.

The 1968 side includes such greats as Jim Mackay, Duncan MacKay, Billy Vojtek, Hugh Gunn, Mirko Kovacek, Horst Rau, Frank Bot, Brian Adam, Billy McIntyre, Billy McArthur, Hammy McMeekan and Terry Horrover.

South Melbourne Hellas reportedly approached Croatia recently about joint use of Hellas's Mickle Park ground for next season but all indications are that Croatia will use Olympic Park No. 1 as its home.



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IS SOCCER DYING?

Have the barbarians of Brussels dealt soccer a hard enough blow to knock it into a senseless coma from which the game we used to know will never awaken?

Though those of us close to the game, perhaps too close, were prepared to dismiss Brussels as a social, and therefore "not our", problem and protest that soccer will survive in spite of it, evidence is all around us that soccer is reeling and shaking in its mighty boots at where the effects of that black day will lead it.

That there is no soccer on English television is, for instance, directly traceable to Brussels and the dark image soccer has as a result of hooliganism.

In Australia, too, there is no doubt that Brussels has had a devastating effect on a struggling game. And in the wake of it, Pratten Park was an episode it needed like a hole in the head.

Despite many views to the contrary, I remain convinced that Brussels was the most prominent singular cause for the messy interest the two international series created.

The two Australian international series attracted only the partisan fans of the visiting teams while the "neutrals" and the "occasionalists" were somewhere else.

Flags

That the already miserably attended National League matches would attract more fans than the internationals was unimaginable a few years ago and tragic evidence that soccer no longer attracts. Only flags, colors and allegiances do.

Five years ago a decision to bring in a live telecast of Australia's tour match against Greece from Athens was the back page lead in one of Sydney's mass circulation evening dailies.

Recently the traditionally stirring promise of a World Cup qualifier against the old enemy, New Zealand, was getting but scant, token space in our daily papers.

Two years ago the World Youth championship in Mexico stirred wide interest and I remember one popular radio talk-back program being completely dominated by it.

The more recent tournament in the Soviet Union was treated as little more than passe by the media. And not surprisingly, because the public at large seemed to show little interest in it.

Overseas crowds, apart from a few isolated places like Italy (stars and glamour) and France (entertaining soccer), are falling alarmingly. And despite Brussels, hooliganism is spreading.

Cut-throat

For that you can blame, apart from the thugs themselves, the politicians and other powerful people who foster a social environment where sections of humanity will want to stoop to murder in order to be heard.

But soccer is not entirely blameless because soccer, by its nature, invites such behaviour.

Soccer, modern soccer, is a cut-throat game where the sporting spirit, as we knew it, is long dead.

FIFA, which is riddled with expedient politicians whose empty or shallow rhetoric would put some of our Canberra MPs to shame, pays only lip service to the spirit of the game and waits until a Brussels before it acts — and then acts by shifting the blame.

The recent words uttered in the USSR about Australia's path to the World Cup by FIFA officials illustrate the contempt in which FIFA holds its own constituency. Oceania must wait before it is strong enough to be put on "an equal footing with the Europeans" in the qualifying draw, it was said.

Oh yeah?

Then why are the Asians, the Africans and the Central and North Americans guaranteed places in the top 24? Are they strong enough? Is Canada, which WILL be in Mexico, as strong as Australia, Wales, East Germany, Elre and Czechoslovakia, which won't?

It is all an example of FIFA's readiness to tell lies — when

the world knows full well that Oceania was used as a dumping ground for unwanted Israel. And that FIFA was succumbing to racist pressure from Asia which feared the Australians and the New Zealanders.

That can be described as hooliganism in high places, from a body which sancti-

moniously condemns the lower brand of hooliganism and disassociates itself from it.

And FIFA is answerable for what goes on outside its offices — on the field of play where its game has been allowed to evolve into a cavalcade of cynicism and hate. Far from tampering with the



LES MURRAY

rules FIFA won't even encourage the three points for awin formula so gallantly used in England. And when the English, idealistically,

introduced automatic dismissal for tactical fouls, FIFA forced the English to abandon it. Back home, that disgraceful affair at Middle Park four

weeks ago when players were intent on butchering each other to make a point about national team selection posed a question as to where the game is going. Such scandalous behaviour would have been unthinkable anywhere, including Australia, 20 years ago. Nowadays it is expected as practically the norm. Because the game is played by players who are expected to stretch the full limits of the rules in the name of competitiveness, by coaches

who will do the same in order to get a result, and by administrators who care for nothing barring their own vanity.

No wonder hooligans choose it as an ideal stage. It is a great game and still more popular than any singular thing in the history of the human race.

But don't believe that greatness makes it immune to collapse. The Roman Empire was great, too. Until it drowned in its own decadence.

SAM PAPASAVAS TELLS LEN MCKENDRY:

BRUSH UP YOUR ACT



• NSL chairman Sam Papasavas

National Soccer League chairman Sam Papasavas took a verbal swipe at South Melbourne Hellas coach Len McKendry at Hellas's presentation night last Wednesday.

"I congratulate Len McKendry on his success, and I hope his public relations improves as well," Papasavas said in concluding his speech to the gathering at the Old Melbourne Motor Inn.

McKendry, while accepting a trophy, had said earlier: "It's been terribly boring and predictable winning the league two years in a row and scoring lots of goals. Have you asked yourselves why Charlie Egan was top scorer this

year, and why Doug Brown was top scorer last year? But then it's been all very boring and predictable."

"Leo Anezakis (former Hellas president) asked me to come to the club, to save them from relegation. I said I'd do better than that, and I won the championship. This year the players won the league again but nine months of consistency were lost in the last three or four days."

"It is very boring to be successful but I'd rather be up here than down there."

McKendry apparently was reacting to complaints by many Hellas fans that the team had become, in McKendry's words, boring and predictable.

"What is entertaining?" McKendry

asked. "To me, Charlie Egan is entertaining because he puts the ball in the net more than anyone else."

Papasavas, a former, long-serving president of Hellas, said:

"Hellas has been around for a lot longer than two or three years. Those in the Marmaras era, and then my era — all helped Hellas to remain a great club."

"Unfortunately Hellas's success has not been reflected at the gate. The format of the league may have something to do with it."

"I won't talk about being boring or predictable but what counts in soccer is what comes in through the gate. If the gate is 2000, or if the gate is 10,000 — which is better?"

"There will be changes to the league

format next year, and I hope they are the changes you all expect."

Papasavas added, however, that the present format was not the only reason for the NSL's ills.

"Perhaps people just have better things to do on Sundays than to get wet, and to see players just walking around on the park."

Papasavas said that what really counts is international success, and that the Socceroos haven't had it for a long time. Only through qualification for the World Cup Finals would major corporations be attracted to support soccer, he said.

The presentation night was sponsored by Opal Male Fashion.



• SM-Hellas coach Len McKendry



• Australia's most successful goalscoring partnership — Doug Brown (left) and Charlie Egan.

Charlie Egan best, Blair second

Every player in Australia aspires to play for South Melbourne Hellas, said Charlie Egan as he accepted the club's best player award last Wednesday.

Egan, NSL top scorer with 21 goals, won the Hellas award with 28 referees' votes.

His prize was \$1000 from Opal Male Fashion.

Runner-up Steve Blair received a \$250 gift voucher, as did third-placed Bobby Russell.

Egan said: "Ask any player in Australia which club they'd like to play for, and they'd say

Hellas. I always remember Jim Shirra (former midfielder) say that Hellas is THE club to play for. To me, Hellas is the biggest club in Australia, it always has been and it always will be. A special thanks to Leo Anezakis for signing me, and also to our coach, Len McKendry."

Blair said he was surprised he had received so many referees' votes, because "referees aren't my favorite people."

Russell said: "No-one would have beaten Charlie Egan this year. He was the star and he deserves everything he's got. Unfortunately, under the

present league system, the limelight was stolen from our team towards the end of the season."

Chris Christopher, Hellas chairman, said it was the first time the club's best player award had been decided on referees' votes, and it was also the first time that a company (Opal) had sponsored the awards.

28. Charlie Egan
21. Steve Blair
16. Bobby Russell
15. Carl Halford
12. Gary McDowell
9. Oscar Crino
8. Doug Brown
7. Peter Laumets
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5. Ken Murphy
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 Keilor Austria v CLIFTON HILL
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HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP SEMI-FINALS

At Lot 16, Perry Road, Keysborough, Saturday: Box Hill v Knox City or Doveton at 1pm, followed by SPRINGVALE CITY v Fawkner.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE CUP SEMI-FINALS

At Gardiner's Creek Reserve, Saturday: St Kilda or Seaford United v Williamstown, at 1pm, followed by PASCOE VALE v Nunawading United.

RESERVES CUP SEMI-FINALS

Saturday, games to be announced: NORTH SUNSHINE v Maribak at 1pm, followed by MOSSFIELD RANGERS v Ivanhoe City.

AMATEUR LEAGUE CUP QUARTER-FINALS

Sunday, 3pm: MACCABI v Diggers Rest, Old Scotch v YARRA UNITED; VERNON v Diamond Valley; Melbourne Uni v Waverley United.

RESERVES CUP QUARTER-FINALS

Sunday, 3pm: DIAMOND VALLEY v Yarra Bend; MELBOURNE UNI v Maccabi at 1pm; LaTrobe Uni v EPPING THISTLE; EAGLES UNITED v Phillip Institute.

VICTORIAN LEAGUE CUP

Quarter-finals: Keilor Austria 0 Altona City 0 after extra time, Keilor won 5-4 on penalties; Melbourne 3 Dandenong City 3 after extra time, Melbourne won 12-11 on penalties; Clifton Hill 3 Yarraville 1; Rosanna 3 Mooroolbark 0.

HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP

Quarter-finals: Caulfield City 2 Box Hill 4; Western Suburbs 2 Springvale City 3 after extra time; Doveton v Knox City, not played, result subject to tribunal hearing tonight (Wednesday); Fawkner 4 Springvale United 2.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE CUP

Quarter-finals: Central City 1 Pascoe Vale 2 after extra time; St Kilda v Seaford United, not played, result subject to tribunal hearing tonight (Wednesday); Nunawading United 3 West Brunswick 2; South Dandenong 0 Williamstown 11.

RESERVES CUP

Quarter-finals: Mossfield Rangers 1 Clarinda 0; Mitcham 1 North Sunshine 3; Monbulk 3 Pascoe Vale 0; South Springvale 1 Ivanhoe City 2.

AMATEUR LEAGUE CUP

Main round: Maccabi 3 Northern Suburbs 0; East Altona 1 Vermont 3; Epping Thistle 2 Diggers Rest 3; Concordia 1 Old Scotch 2 after extra time; East Richmond 0 Waverley United 3; Yarra Bend 4 Yarra United 6; Melbourne Uni 3 Oakleigh United.

RESERVES CUP

Main round: LaTrobe Uni 4 Vermont 1; Balwyn City v Phillip Institute, Phillip Institute won 6-4 on penalties; Yarra United 0 Diamond Valley 1; East Altona 0 Melbourne Uni 2; Ringwood Rovers v Maccabi, Maccabi won 6-5 on penalties; Waverley United v Epping Thistle won 7-6 on penalties.

Meko wins Cup, four sent off

MEKO HOLDINGS 3 (McTaggart, Dolovski pen., Tasevski) KEILOR OLD BOYS 1 (Gauci-Seddon). Black Douglas Cup final, Olympic Park No. 2, Sunday.

Keilor Old Boys, champions of Division 4, and the team which knocked Division 1 champion and 1984 Cup holder Lecco Holdings out of the competition, got off to a dream start when Jea Gauci-Seddon scored with a well-placed shot.

The lead was short lived, when two minutes later, Bernard McTaggart pushed the ball home in a goalmouth scramble. In the 70th minute following handball by a Keilor player, Viade Dolovski scored from the penalty spot to give Meko a 2-1 lead. Following the penalty Ferrand of Keilor was sent off for violent conduct.

Tom Tasevski made it 3-1 in a breakaway move, putting the ball into the top corner of the net. Tasevski was outstanding in the second half, chasing every through ball and giving the Old Boys' defence a torrid time.

In the closing minutes, Pocock, Laing and Braini were given their marching orders as tempers started to flare.

GLENROY DOXA UNITED RES. 4 (Gritti 2, Balazsy, Grech) ALTONA ROVERS RES. 1 (Reif), Invitation Cup Final at Olympic Park No. 2, Sunday.

In the 20th minute a shot by Godwin Grech of Doxa was punched out by Rovers keeper Charlie Zarafa to no avail, as John Gritti, following up, put the ball in the back of the net for doxa's first goal.

Gritti made it two in the 24th minute when he scored from a through ball by Grech who was playing some lovely through balls which were splitting the Rovers defence wide open.

In the 31st minute Rober Reif drove the ball into the top right hand corner of the net to pull one back for Rovers.

In the 39th minute David Blazsy crossed over a high swerving inswinging which deceived the Rovers keeper for doxa's third goal.

In the 46th minute, Godwin Grech made it 4-1, crashing a lovely goal into the top corner of the net following a through ball by Trevor Wheatley.

Altona Rovers did't give up, and we wonder what would have happened had two shots that only just went over the crossbar gone in.

In the end Doxa was a worthy Cup winner — making it the fourth time in a row.

Rosanna in semis, but Melbourne looms next

ROSANNA 3 (Welsby 28th, Beer 34th, Sampson 80th) MOOROOLBARK 0. Victorian League Cup quarter-final at Yallambie Park, Saturday. Referee: Sam Zoumas 7.

ROSANNA: Simpson 7, Parker 7, M. Staples 7 (mouley 60th), Beer 7, Skouflos 8, Vanderzant 8, E. Skouflos 9, Drake 10, Palermo 8, Welsby 9, Coach Terry Mooney.

MOOROOLBARK: Scanlon 6, Reid 6, Caddle 6, Brack 7, Cubitt 6, Plantland 6 (inj. Tattersall 75th), Gunoy 8, stones 7, Mantel 6, Klepac 6, Page 6 (Van Duppen H.T. 6), coach: Barry Horsfall.

Fourth Division champ Rosanna advanced to the semi-finals of the 1985 Victorian League Cup with this convincing win over Third Division club Mooroolbark.

Rosanna opened its account in the 28th minute when captain Eric Staples sent a long throw-in into the Mooroolbark area and Michael Welsby rose high to expertly glance the ball in with a fine header.

Rosanna went further ahead in the 34th minute, virtually putting the match out of Mooroolbark's reach. Rosanna striker Michael Drake sent over a high cross which was mis-

judged by Barkers' goalie John Scanlon, allowing Daryl Beer to drive the ball into the left hand corner of the net.

The scoreline was completed in the 80th minute when Jim Sampson connected with a Beer corner, sending a low, angled shot flashing into goal.

Rosanna coach Terry Mooney was jubilant after the match, praising his team's effort, particularly the strength of his defence and midfield. Mooney now looks forward to Saturday's semi-final clash with First Division champion Melbourne, knowing that Rosanna has little to lose and everything to gain.

MELBOURNE 3 (Ward 55th, Heery 58th, Roberts 105th) DANDENONG CITY 3 (Donnelly 30th, 47th, 107th) after extra time. Melbourne won 12-11 on penalties. Victorian League Cup quarter-final at J. T. Gray Reserve, Saturday.

MELBOURNE: Barbas 7, Wild 7, P. Bannon 7, T. Drinocky 7, Edmondson 8, Theodoropoulos 8, Bird 7, Tzambazis 6 (Dagnall 93rd), Roberts 6, Ward 6, Heery 7. Coach: Paddy Bannon.

A hat-trick by Jim Donnelly was not enough to give Dandenong a ticket



• Green Gully's Willie Vassallo (left) hasn't a care in the world as he prepares for a Morwell corner. Team mates Jim Murray and Steve McLelland are more concerned as Morwell strikers Ian Stirton (right) and Russell Athersych look like they mean business. Pictures: LES SHORROCK.

Lucchesi sinks fighting Falcons

GREEN GULLY 1 (Lucchesi 75th) MORWELL FALCONS 0. Docketry Cup quarter-final at Olympic Park No. 2, ground, Saturday. Cautions: Tutill (MF), Smallman (GC). Referee: Jim Fearn.

GREEN GULLY: Denys 8 — Murray 5, Connell 6, McLelland 5, Hagbon 6 — Cumming 7, Vassallo 4, Smallman 5, Williams 4 — Lewis 3, Lucchesi 8. Coach: Steve Short.
MORWELL FALCONS: Prezioso 7 — Bingham 6, Tutill 6, Bruns 7, Train 6 — O'Callaghan 5 (Moore 81st), Maclean 6, Csar 8 — McGorian 6, Stirton 7, Athersych 6. Coach: Jimmy Dunne.

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Morwell Falcons hammered Green Gully all over the field in the second half, but their efforts came to naught when Claude Lucchesi stretched to reach a forward header from David Smallman and plant his shot past goalkeeper Romeo Prezioso for the winning goal.

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Man of the match:
CLAUDE LUCCHESI
 (Green Gully)

headache from the previous night, he certainly was given one when Willie Vassallo kicked the ball at McLellan's head. The Morwell midfielder needed treatment, but stayed on the field and, indeed, worried Green Gully with his well-taken free kicks.

Vassallo sent Green Gully forward in the 27th minute. The ball was forced away from a back-heeler to Lewis and Lewis volleyed over the bar from close range.

Effie Cassar rivalled Lucchesi for the man of the match award with his busy, inventive play on the left.

Lucchesi showed a bit of his class in the 38th minute, when he sent a flick-on to Smallman. The ball was forced away from Smallman, to Cumming whose powerful shot from the edge of the area was turned spectacularly for a corner by Prezioso.

Then Cassar burst through for a promising shot that was saved by Lou Denys.

The first half ended with a cross by Lewis hitting the top of the far post and on resumption, Prezioso jack-knifed forward, put clear an angled drive from Cumming.

Stirton clutched his head in despair after having missed with a close-range header. Stirton's luck just would not change. He struck the ball over the bar after latching into a defensive clearance, and this was foiled by a brilliant reflex save from Denys.

Denys made another fine save when he stopped McGorian.

Morwell finally put the ball into the net in the 73rd minute for what looked like a legitimate goal but referee Jim Fearn disallowed it. It started with a job from McLellan to the far post where Emil Bruns headed it square to the other post for Athersych to do the rest.

Lucchesi's goal in the 75th minute turned the tide Green Gully's way for a while.

After taunting Morwell sweeper Graham Tutill, Lucchesi passed to Smallman who was running into the box, but Smallman was tackled by Jim Train for a corner.

When Lewis got the ball on the right, Green Gully had a two-against-two confrontation, with Lucchesi square on the left, and Bruns and Tutill the only defenders in sight. Lewis should have crossed quickly over Tutill, to Lucchesi. Instead he delayed, and was dispossessed by Bruns.

In the final minute, only an excellent save by Denys prevented McGorian from leveling.

Coppa Italia

The 10th Coppa Italia kicks off on Saturday, October 26, at the home of Victorian League Third Division club Bulleen.

GROUP A: Bulleen Veneto, Westall Inter, Nunawading United, Ascot St Marks.

GROUP B: Thomastown, Regent, Brunswick Juventus, Werribee.

GROUP C: East Brunswick, Brunswick Juventus, Werribee.

GROUP D: Batman Lazio, Vermont, Inter City.

GROUP E: Ivanhoe City, Fawkner Azzurri, Eagles United, Carrum United.

The full draw:

SATURDAY October 26

12pm: Vermont v Inter City; 1.30pm: Bulleen Veneto v Nunawading United; 3pm: Thomastown v Brunswick Juventus; 4.30pm: Ivanhoe City v Fawkner Azzurri.

SATURDAY November 2

1pm: Westall Inter v Ascot St Marks; 2.30pm: Regent v Werribee; 4pm: East Brunswick v Brunswick Juventus; 5.30pm: Eagles United v Carrum United.

SATURDAY November 9

1pm: Batman Lazio v Vermont; 2.30pm: Ivanhoe City v Eagles United; 4pm: Brunswick Juventus v Regent; 5.30pm: Westall Inter v Nunawading United.

SUNDAY November 10

1pm: East Brunswick Juventus v Inter City; 2.30pm: Fawkner Azzurri v Carrum United; Thomastown v Werribee; 5.30pm: Bulleen Veneto v Ascot St Marks.

SUNDAY November 24

Quarter-final one at 2pm: winner group A v runner-up group C; Quarter-final two at 4pm: winner group D v runner-up group A.

SUNDAY November 24

Quarter-final three at 2pm: winner group B v runner-up group D; Quarter-final four at 4pm: winner group D v runner-up group B.

SUNDAY December 1

First semi-final at 2pm: winner of quarter-final one v winner of quarter-final four.

Second semi-final at 4pm: winner of quarter-final two v winner of quarter-final three.

SUNDAY December 8

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Norton best at Eltham

Davy Norton has won the senior best and fairest award at Victorian League Second Division club Eltham.

Norton's win was announced at Eltham's annual presentation night held recently at the Heidelberg golf club.

Con Moulas and John Cochran were runners-up, and Tony Schipano won the senior top scorer's award.

Cirkovic buys Soccer City

The "Soccer City" sports store of Grey Street, St. Kilda, has been taken over by Cedo Cirkovic's "Sports Extra" of 66 Bridge Road, Richmond.

Cirkovic advises that all clubs that were dealing with Soccer City are welcome to contact him at Sports Extra on (03) 429-3079.

• Green Gully goalie Lou Denys makes one of his many fine saves against Morwell Falcons.



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• Dave McIntosh (right) in action for St George, loans on then Footscray J.U.S.T. striker Peter Ollerton as St George goalie Mike Fraser prepares to punch clear.



• Former NSL Player of the Year Jim Hermiston (left) then with Brisbane Lions, feels the full force of McIntosh's aerial power in a clash between Lions and Olympic.



• McIntosh, this time wearing a Melbourne Croatia strip, is as fearless as ever as he soars above a pack of Green Gully defenders in this clash at Olympic Park earlier this year.



• John Kosmina

Kosmina beats Abonyi

John Kosmina overtook Attila Abonyi as the Socceroos' all-time top scorer when he notched the first goal against China in Brisbane last week.

Kosmina (Sydney Harbour), the Socceroo captain, had scored 37 goals in all games for Australia, before taking the field against Israel this morning (Wednesday), our time.

Abonyi however, still has most goals in full international matches.

Scorers' lists:

- All games**
- 37. J. Kosmina
 - 36. A. Abonyi
 - 21. R. Baart, G. Cole
 - 20. P. Ollerton
 - 17. E. Krncevic, A. Alston
 - 13. B. Vojtek
 - 11. B. Buljevic
 - 10. D. Mitchell, R. Richards, D. Harding, P. Sharpe

Full internationals

- 25. A. Abonyi
 - 19. J. Kosmina
 - 18. R. Baart
 - 16. G. Cole
 - 13. P. Ollerton
 - 8. B. Vojtek, T. McColl
- All games**
- 16. D. Lowe
 - 14. R. Brown
 - 12. C. Kalantzis
 - 9. E. Krncevic, F. Farina, N. Spink
 - 6. F. Incantalupo

Youth internationals

- 10. D. Lowe
- 9. C. Kalantzis
- 8. R. Brown
- 6. E. Krncevic, F. Farina
- 5. M. Koussas



• Peter Ollerton



• David Lowe

Dave McIntosh's future at Melbourne Croatia is as clouded as the future of coach Domagoj Kapetanovic.

Rumor is rife that Kapetanovic will be replaced as coach and McIntosh, who joined Croatia after a period in limbo earlier this year, has to renegotiate a contract with the club at the end of the year.

If Kapetanovic goes, McIntosh's future probably will be decided by the new coach.

"That's a player's lot," says McIntosh, matter-of-factly.

His response typifies his professional attitude, an attitude spawned in Scotland's Premier League and nurtured throughout an eight year Australian career which involves stints with Sydney Olympic, St George Budapest, Yugal Prague and Penrith, from which he joined Croatia for \$6,000.

McIntosh was born in Dundee and as a 16 year old formed a striking partnership at St Francis Boys Club with Derek Johnstone, who was destined for club and international honors with Glasgow Rangers and Scotland. McIntosh spent two years with St Francis and three months with Downfield before being spotted by a Dundee scout and invited to play in three trial games. He was outstandingly successful, scoring in his first game, adding two goals in his second and completing his trial stint with a hat-trick against St Mirren reserves.

He then established himself in Dundee's reserves but after his first full season "approached manager David White and asked to be switched to centre half. White agreed and under the tutelage of coaches Hugh Robertson and George Blues, the former APIA star and NSW Rothmans Medal winner, McIntosh developed into a hard-hitting, fiercely competitive stopper.

His first team debut was in 1974 and what a game big McIntosh had. Dundee drew 3-3 with Scottish giant Glasgow Celtic at Parkhead. Not only did McIntosh have a fine game against the legendary Kenny Dalglish, he also scored Dundee's third goal in the 82nd minute!

In all, McIntosh made 15 first team appearances for Dundee. He would have made many, many more if not for a cartilage injury sustained in a First Division game against Clydebank, when McIntosh played against Davie Cooper, now of Rangers and Scotland fame.

"I never really got back after that injury and the doctor told me that if I wanted to keep playing I'd have to play in a much warmer climate," said McIntosh.

"George Blues contacted John Thompson who was the team manager at Sydney Olympic and we decided on a contract over the phone and off I went to Australia."

That was in 1977, when interest in Australian soccer was at fever-pitch with the formation of the National League. Within a month of his arrival, that troublesome cartilage complaint had cleared up, taking with it the limp that had plagued McIntosh since the injury first flared. And McIntosh felt quite at home in Sydney, thanks to the Coogee Bay Hotel.

"There's a bar there called Scots' Corner and there are more people from Dundee there than there are in Dundee."

Major assimilation problems over, McIntosh knuckled down to performing for his new club, no easy task as a succession of coaches trooped in and out of Olympic's committee room.

McIntosh: the man who kept Dalglish in check

By CRAIG MAC KENZIE

"I spent three years with Olympic and had nine coaches."

Olympic was relegated from the NSL in 1979. McIntosh was holidaying in Scotland when November 30, the date by which he should have settled on a new contract, passed and upon his return he found himself transfer listed at \$8,000. St George stepped in and snapped him up. "Raul Blanco was coaching St George when I joined in 1980 and the club was building a new team. Blanco got rid of nine players and for most of the season we were running around with 11 individuals on the park.

"What wasn't well publicised was that St George flew Frank Arok over here from Yugoslavia to have a look at its set-up and everyone knew that the club wanted to hire him for the next season. That undermined Blanco as far as I'm concerned and I got the feeling that he didn't really care that much after Arok's six week stay."

St George was relegated from the NSL in 1980 and Arok took over as coach. It was a great move for St George which took just one year in the NSW State League to win back its NSL status. However, the arrival of Arok signalled the end for McIntosh.

"Just let's say that me and Frank Arok agreed to disagree. He wanted me to do something I couldn't do. I didn't mind the man-marking stuff at the back but he wanted me to also go forward all the time. I told him that that wasn't my game. I didn't want to leave big gaps at the back. From that point on, I was finished at St George. Arok dropped me to the reserves for about five weeks and when I asked for a transfer he even dropped me from the reserves when I wanted to keep playing there to let people have a look at me. I told him that but his attitude was that it was my problem, not his."



Kenny Dalglish

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'MITCH'

Roos get lift from high flier

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Competition from Jim Patikas, Frank Farina and Graham Arnold has brought the best out of Socceroo striker David Mitchell, who will lead Australia's attack in the return World Cup game against Israel at Olympic Park on Sunday week.

He was clearly best on the ground in Australia's 3-0 victory over China in Brisbane, and coach Frank Arok also rated him best in the World Cup match against New Zealand in Auckland.

Mitchell has brought to the Socceroo attack the experience of having played top-level soccer with Glasgow Rangers in Scotland.

He also has provided the attack with aerial dominance, as our pictures show.

Mitchell was born in Scotland, but developed as a player in Adelaide, where he was signed for the NSL by the then Adelaide Juventus coach, Rale Rasic.

From there he moved to Sydney City, then to Glasgow Rangers, after having become a well-established international.

He tried unsuccessfully to rejoin his old club, Adelaide Juventus, on his return from Scotland, but found he was tied contractually to Hakoah. So he went to Hong Kong for a while, and helped Seiko win the championship there, before returning to meet his obligation to Hakoah.

Mitchell's international career started with the Australian youth team. He played in the 1981 World Youth Championships before graduating to the senior team and he scored a World Cup hat-trick in a 10-0 victory over Fiji in Melbourne late that year. Gary Cole got the other seven.

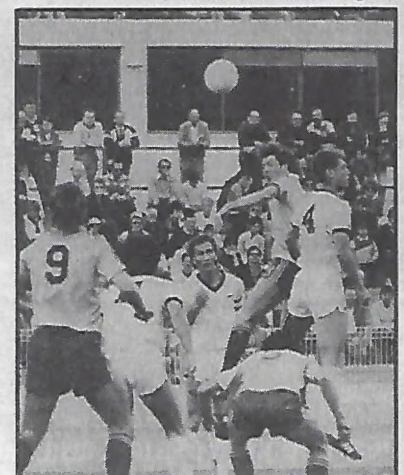
Mitchell says he will again try his luck in Britain — perhaps with Watford — after the World Cup campaign.



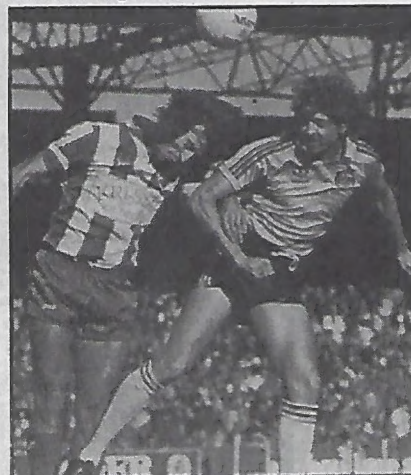
• You can't stop this guy. Shane Rufer (left), Grant Turner and Kenny Cresswell all are beaten by big man Mitchell. At right is Socceroo Ken Murphy.



• Mitchell takes a shot against China at Lang Park, Brisbane.



• Mitchell wins out again — beating Ceri Evans (No. 4), with Alan Boath (centre) looking on anxiously.



• Even Yugoslavia's best couldn't stop Mitchell in the air. Here he is beating Jankovic of Red Star Belgrade at Olympic Park.



Waiting in the wings

• Two of the Socceroo strikers eager to displace either Mitchell or John Kosmina: Jim Patikas (left) and Frank Farina. Their presence in the wings is keeping the others on their toes.



• Mitchell scores the first goal in Australia's 4-0 victory over Red Star at Olympic Park. The result gave the Socceroots an overall win in the four-match series.



• One way to stop David Mitchell — grab him by the shirt, the way Ceri Evans did in their World Cup match at Mt. Smart Stadium in Auckland recently.



• David Mitchell breaks away from Paul Wade in the Socceroots recent 3-2 victory over the Victorian all-stars at Middle Park.

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A SLICE OF HISTORY



• The Soccerers of the late 70s. Goalkeeper George Panza (centre, at rear), played for Triestina and was later president of Juventus. The team includes Jan Marston (4th from right), Lolly Valla (front left), Frankie Longbrake (front, 2nd from left), Pope Cubero (with ball) and Mike de Bruchere (2nd from right).



• Three former Triestina coaches. Rolo Rasic (top left), Mario Curt (above) and Tony Boggi (left).



The great Frank Barbazza serves his boss, Leo Pellegrini at Pellegrini's Restaurant. Barbazza had a stint with Triestina.



• Klain

• F Tribuzio

• M Zavattiero

• Vesnaver

• Stella

Essendon

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Essendon Triestina last played in the Victorian State League in 1965 but has started the long haul back and next year will play in Victorian League Division Two for the first time since 1970.

Player-coach Bill Vojtek and president Armando Dilizza have had a major influence in the club's resurgence and Vojtek is confident that his side can win promotion again next season.

"It's given me a great kick winning promotion from Division Three this year and I'm very, very confident that the lads will do well next year. Mark my words, we'll put out a very competitive side in Second Division," said Vojtek.

"I'm so proud of the way the players responded this year. We weren't the best team in the league but with plenty of hard work and everyone wanting success, we got there which is a tremendous credit to the players' attitude."

Triestina opened new dressing rooms and a social club at its home ground at Ormond Park in Moonee Ponds this year so success hasn't been confined to its on-field activities.

Triestina was formed in 1959 and in 1960 was admitted to Second Division. It won the Second Division South championship in 1961 and the First Division South championship the following year so Triestina started the 1963 season in State League. It was relegated in 1963, and again in 1966 but in 1968 it won its way back into First Division. However it again was relegated in 1969 and 1970, heralding a period when the club moved between the Third and Fourth Divisions of the Metropolitan League until 1980 when it finally sank into the Provisional Leagues. It was a bodyblow to the club for just two years earlier it had won the Fourth Division championship!

But Triestina fought back. It amalgamated with Moonee Ponds in 1982, the year it won its way back into Fourth Division and 12 months later found itself back in Third Division.

Let's look at the men who won promotion from Third Division for Triestina this year.

BILLY VOJTEK (player-coach): a legend in Victorian and Australian soccer. His first appearance for Australia was against New Zealand in 1967 and his last appearance was against Iran in 1973. In all, he made 44 Soccer appearances and scored 13 goals. He won the Bill Fleming Medal as the best player in the Victorian State League while with Juventus in 1975. His other clubs were Melbourne Croatia, Sydney Croatia, Green Gully, St Albans Dinamo and Western Suburbs. It's fitting that Vojtek should lead Triestina into Second Division for way back in 1961 Vojtek, then a teenager, lined up for Triestina in the Coppa Italia as a guest player.

GERRY TRIBUZIO (team manager): Ex-Green Gully and Juventus juniors. A top goalscorer in his playing days, he retired last year and is in his first year as team manager. A good organiser and fine servant to Triestina on and off the field.

MARIO ZAVATTIERO (reserves coach): Is in his third year on Triestina's coaching staff and is a former first team coach. Hard working and has been a big help to Vojtek this season. Also serves on the general committee.



• Back row, left to right: Ralph DeMarchi (committeeman), Mick Bonnard, Michael Giacomi, Chris Powell, Johnny Tella, Mario Zavattiero (reserve coach), Stella (committeeman), Sam Paglia (committeeman). Front row: Giuliano Ver, Mick Klain, Harry Dilizza, Billy Vojtek (player-coach), Fran Mussel, Manu Romano (committeeman). Missing: Carlo Sabidussi, Alex Fant.

CARLO SABIDUSSI (midfielder): in his second year at the club. Joined from Fawkner but prior to that had a fine career with Juventus and also had a season with Makedonia. At Juventus he established himself as a quality player and his State League experience has been a real bonus this year. He only played 15 games this year due to injury but scored five goals.

DARIO ZAVATTIERO (defender): a product of the Moonee Ponds juniors and joined during the amalgamation between Triestina and Moonee Ponds in 1982. A very versatile

player who played up front and in midfield before being switched to sweeper in the latter half of the season. His passing is excellent; he reads the game well.

MANUELE MANINI (defender): a former Juventus junior who joined Triestina in 1982. Determined and very competitive, he also is a fine clubman. He played 19 games this season and has been a regular first teamer for past six seasons.

ALEX FANTOMA (goalkeeper): plus some fine games this year and is a former Clayton and Juventus goalkeeper with State League experience. This is his second year



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Triestina and he played 24 games this season. An excellent trainer with a fine attitude to the game.

MICK BONADIO (goalkeeper): joined Triestina in 1984 and is the second string goalkeeper. Made just two appearances in the seniors this year but did well both times. His handling is safe and sure.

FRANK MUSSEL (defender): former Sunshine City star who also had a stint with Western Suburbs before joining Triestina this year and once he arrived, everything went smoothly at the back. A tremendous competitor whose disposal and tackling are first

class. Was in "Soccer Action's" State League Team of the Year in 1980.

CARLO DEL PORTO (utility): has been used at the back, in midfield and up front this year. Has fine close skills and is fast and coach Vojtek expects him to develop even further next season.

MICK KLARIN (striker): ex-green Gully, Melbourne Croatia and Western Suburbs. Joined Triestina this year. Tall, but has excellent close ball control and loves to take opponents on. Has been a major asset this year scoring 10 goals as a left sided attacking player.

FULVIO TRIBUZIO (defender): captain of the reserves and a long serving and dependable player. A product of Triestina's juniors and an excellent clubman.

HARRY DILIZZA (defender): ex-Juventus and J.U.S.T. junior who joined Triestina in 1976 and has had a fine season. A solid defender who works very hard. He's the longest serving player at the club.

JOHNNY STELLA (defender): just 18 and very promising. He still has to work on certain aspects of his game but he's dedicated to improving himself and coach Vojtek predicts a big future for him.

CHRIS POWELL (striker): Canadian-born, he joined Triestina in 1982 from St Albans. He's quick and played eight games this year, scoring six goals. Strong in the air and very competitive.

MICHAEL GIACOMI (striker): ex-Juventus and Triestina junior and a former Fawkner first team player. Joined Triestina this year and scored 23 goals, making him the leading scorer in Third Division. Excellent in the air and strong on the ball, he has given the attack a tremendous boost.

TONY MAINENTI (midfielder): ex-Fawkner, Juventus and Thomastown. He joined Triestina in 1984 and has good close skills. He's a great competitor and his experience has helped the younger players in the squad. He also scored some vital goals this year.

DAVID VESNAVER (midfielder): ex-Triestina junior who rejoined the club from Fawkner in 1984. Only 20, but has State League experience and has had a tremendous season in 1985. A good ball winner and a great competitor.

MATE DIMAC (defender): very skilful and never wastes a ball. He's a former Melbourne Croatia player and is 29 years old.

Dilizza leads strong committee

Armando Dilizza is in his second year as president of Triestina and is the driving force behind the club's administration. He's a former Juventus team manager and runs his own business in the hydraulics industry.

Sergio Turkovic is vice-president. He's a former Triestina player and coach and has been with the club since 1965.

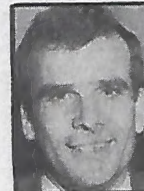
The secretary is Guilano Boato who is in his fourth year in that role. He's a hard worker, like his fellow committeemen, and is committed to the success of Triestina.

Sergio Romani is the club's treasurer. He was team manager last year and has been with the club for many years. He doubles as property manager.

The general committee consists of: Ralph DeMarchi, a former player; Sam Paglia, who is the canteen manager and was president of Moonee Ponds when it amalgamated with Triestina in 1982; Tony Severino, who plays in the reserves and is the club's public relations officer; Tony Stella in his first year on the committee; Gerry Tribuzio, team manager and Mario Zavattiero, reserve team coach.



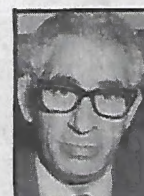
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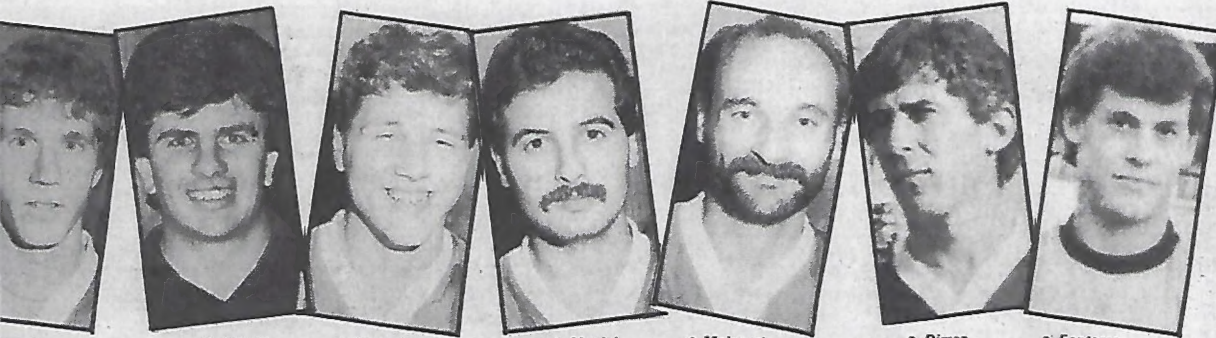
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Well balanced trio Peter Herd (left) and Dragan Ilicic of Azzurri and Robert Tobin (Birkalla) play follow the bouncing ball during last Saturday's West End Premier Cup Final at Hindmarsh Stadium. Picture by JOE JANKO

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC



The NSW Skypack State League is over.

Canterbury took the championship, Melita Eagles collected the Grand Final trophy and Fairy Meadow finished second in both.

Playing with far more consistency than the rest, Fairy Meadow could have done better but for injuries which led to a poor run home. Surely credit must go to coach John Fleming.

He is an honest worker who believed in his team and gave his players the confidence and the style to attain good results. He would pick Raul Blanco as coach of the year, with Tony Komodor of Polonia close on their heels.

This is the complete list of scores and scorers as well as the final league table in the Skypack State League for 1989.

Canterbury (33 Pts)

Manly Warringah home 1-0, away 1-2; Ku-Ring-Gai 1-2, 2-1; Rockdale Ilinden 0-0, 1-1; Sutherland 2-1, 6-5; Melita Eagles 2-0, 3-0; Narrabeen 7-0, 3-1; Polonia 2-0, 4-1; Avala 1-0, 1-4; Uruguay 1-0, 3-3; Fairy Meadow 2-2, 0-0; Bankstown 2-0, 3-1.

Goals scored: 49

10. Nello Borges
9. Paul Kirwan
7. Marcos Silva, Louis Dounis
6. John Anagnostopoulos
5. Spiro Hantzis
1. Karaspyros, Basterfield.

Hormazabal, Radman, Kalogeras

Fairy Meadow (32)

Manly Warringah 1-1, 1-0; Ku-Ring-Gai 1-0, 0-2; Rockdale Ilinden 3-0, 1-0; Canterbury 0-0, 2-2; Sutherland 3-1, 0-2; Melita Eagles 2-0, 0-0; Narrabeen 3-1, 1-1; Polonia 0-2, 2-0; Avala 1-0, 1-0; Uruguay 0-1, 1-0; Bankstown 2-1, 7-2.

Goals: 32

7. Glen Fontana
6. Steve Baker
4. Jock Morlando, Phil Mowbray
3. Reg Chibby
2. Roberto Giraldi, Richard Piel, Larry Berringer
1. Montecchi, Richardson

Sutherland (28)

Manly Warringah 1-1, 2-0; Ku-Ring-Gai 0-0, 0-3; Rockdale Ilinden 3-0, 1-0; Canterbury 5-6, 1-2; Melita Eagles 3-0, 1-1; Narrabeen 0-0, 2-0; Polonia 3-0, 2-1; Avala 0-4, 2-2; Uruguay 1-0, 3-0; Fairy Meadow 2-0, 1-3; Bankstown 5-0, 1-1.

Goals: 39

7. Peter Beggs
6. Brian Gray
5. Vic DalForno, Craig Hall.



Bill Pilovski (Rockdale Ilinden)

3. Steve Meades, Ross Tasker
2. Jimmy Webber, Mark Harrington
1. Nelson, Terry, Hughes, Schumann, Groomie.

Melita Eagles (27)

Manly Warringah 3-0, 2-0; Ku-Ring-Gai 3-1, 2-1; Rockdale Ilinden 0-1, 1-1; Canterbury 0-3, 0-2; Sutherland 1-1, 0-3; Narrabeen 4-0, 4-0; Polonia 0-1, 3-1; Avala 1-1, 1-0; Uruguay 1-1, 3-0; Fairy Meadow 0-0, 0-2; Bankstown 4-1, 4-1.

Goals: 37

11. Don Allan
9. Barry Walker

6. Len Vial
3. Ray Farrugia, Ken Wilson
2. Warren Dolton
1. Griffiths, Rourke, Callanan

Ku-Ring-Gai (26)

Manly Warringah 1-1, 1-1; Rockdale Ilinden 1-1, 2-1; Canterbury 1-2, 2-1; Sutherland 3-0, 0-0; Melita Eagles 1-2, 1-3; Narrabeen 1-0, 0-0; Polonia 2-2, 3-1; Avala 2-1, 2-1; Uruguay 1-0, 0-0; Fairy Meadow 2-0, 0-1; Bankstown 0-0, 3-4.

Goals: 29

6. Lee Sutherland
5. Craig Bass
4. Mark Nile, Ian Goldsworthy
3. David Bennett
2. Neale Williamson, Keven McKegan, Watson, Hunter

Rockdale Ilinden (22)

Manly Warringah 2-1, 0-1; Ku-Ring-Gai 1-2, 1-1; Canterbury 1-1, 0-0; Sutherland 0-1, 0-3; Melita Eagles 1-1, 2-3; Avala 0-1, 0-0; Uruguay 3-0, 2-0; Fairy Meadow 0-1, 0-3; Bankstown 3-0, 2-0.

Goals: 29

10. Ross Brown
3. Nicky Papis, Jimmy Ristovski, Darren Wilson

Azzurri clinches West End Cup

By ALLAN CRISP

AZZURRI 2 (Pietrus own goal 34th, F Michelon 83rd) **Birkalla 0**. West End Premier Cup Final at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide. Referee: T Martell 8. Crowd: 500.

AZZURRI: Miller 8, Herd 7, Kitchin 7, O Michelon 8, Alberton 8, Francis 7, F Michelson 8, Giannitto 8 (Manolov 70th), Ilicic 6, DeVita 8, (Boffa 87th), Wilde 9. Coach: Joe Serafini.

BIRKALLA: Green 8, Pietrus 7, Barnett 7, Duncan 8, Mohring 7, Gemmell 7, Wickstein 8, Tobin 7, Pope 7, Mahony 6 (Pankhurst 46th) 7, Hayes 8. Coach: Rab Jones.

Azzurri eased the pain of losing the league title by

taking the West End Premier Cup final 2-0 from Birkalla at Hindmarsh Stadium last Saturday.

The win provided a personal triumph for coach Joe Serafini, who boosted Azzurri from 10th place last year to a respectable runner-up spot this season.

Pat DeVita, who took the Rothmans League goal-scoring honours with 12 goals this season, steered Azzurri to victory in the 34th minute when he smacked a drive against the far post before Birkalla defender Mick Pietrus deflected the rebound into his own goal.

Midfield powerhouse Frank Michelson completed Azzurri's triumph seven minutes from full-time by rocketing a fierce 20 metre free past Norm Green in the Birkalla goal.

That was Michelson's sixth goal of the year and it reinforced his growing reputation as the deadliest dead-ball exponent in State League, the mantle previously worn by ex-Birkalla star Adrian Santrac, now with Adelaide City.

Birkalla boss Rab Jones approached this "boots for booze" final with cautious optimism, but his veteran strikers, John Pope and David Mahony failed to deliver the goods.

The latter bombed three scoring opportunities in the first half and was replaced by younger, more mobile striker Gary Pankhurst from the start of the second half.

Birkalla closed down opponents quickly and buzzed off effectively in midfield, but had nobody to match Azzurri front runners Paul Wilde, Angie Giannitto and DeVita.

Wilde's silky skills surely must attract the attention of SA's NSL pair West and City before long, while 18-year-old Giannitto also looks a likely target for the top league.

Giannitto bears all the hallmarks of the traditional wing-striker — skill, balance, flair and confidence bordering on downright cheek.

The other focal points of the final were goalkeepers Green and young David Miller of Azzurri.

Green demonstrated yet again that he is the most underrated custodian in the Rothmans League, while Miller showed that he is second to none among the nation's outstanding goalkeepers.



Keith Schumann (left) of Sutherland and Alan Dean of Narrabeen in a heading duel.

Avala (21)

Manly Warringah 1-1, 2-2; Ku-Ring-Gai 1-2, 1-2; Rockdale Ilinden 0-0, 1-0; Canterbury 4-1, 0-1; Sutherland 2-2, 0-0; Melita Eagles 0-1, 1-1; Narrabeen 4-0, 3-1; Polonia 0-3, 0-0; Uruguay 2-1, 0-3; Fairy Meadow 0-1, 0-1; Bankstown 2-0, 1-0.

Goals: 25

6. Ray Carney
5. Glen Jeffers
3. Lucchessi, Andersen
2. Atlagic, Cootes, Martinez
1. Bratkovic, Lembryk

Manly Warringah (19)

Ku-Ring-Gai 1-1, 1-1; Rockdale Ilinden 1-0, 1-2; Canterbury 2-1, 0-1; Sutherland 0-2, 1-1; Melita Eagles 0-2, 0-3; Narrabeen 0-0, 0-0; Polonia 4-2, 1-3; Avala 2-2, 1-1; Uruguay 0-0, 2-0; Fairy Meadow 0-1, 0-1; Bankstown 2-0, 1-1.

Goals: 20

4. Jimmy Campbell
2. John Dick, Bobby Pagano, Steve Leak, Willie Murray, Graham Williamson, Geoff Barker
1. Holloway, Pearce, Jebrael, Gopic.

Polonia (19)

Manly Warringah 3-1, 2-4; Ku-Ring-Gai 1-3, 2-2; Rockdale Ilinden 2-2, 1-7; Canterbury 1-4, 0-2; Sutherland 2-2, 0-3; Melita Eagles 1-3, 1-0; Narrabeen 1-7, 3-1; Avala 0-0, 3-0; Uruguay 5-1, 0-2; Fairy Meadow 0-2, 2-0; Bankstown 1-2, 4-1.

Goals: 36

12. Stefan Janic
9. Andrej Pop
6. Micky Bratkovic
3. Henjek Sobczyk, Jurek Drys
1. Lasek, Vujinovic, Druc

Uruguay (14)

Manly Warringah 0-2, 0-0; Ku-Ring-Gai 0-0, 0-1; Rockdale Ilinden 1-1, 1-2; Canterbury 1-3, 0-7; Sutherland 0-2, 0-0; Melita Eagles 0-4, 0-4; Polonia 1-3, 7-1; Avala 1-3, 0-4; Uruguay 0-0, 1-1; Fairy Meadow 1-1, 1-3; Bankstown 0-0, 1-0.

Goals: 16

7. Gary Hastie
4. Tony O'Shana
1. Rodas, Langan, Benales, Botero, Planinic

Narrabeen (13)

Manly Warringah 0-0, 0-0; Ku-Ring-Gai 0-0, 0-1; Rockdale Ilinden 1-1, 1-2; Canterbury 1-3, 0-7; Sutherland 0-2, 0-0; Melita Eagles 0-4, 0-4; Polonia 1-3, 7-1; Avala 1-3, 0-4; Uruguay 0-0, 1-1; Fairy Meadow 1-1, 1-3; Bankstown 0-0, 1-0.

Goals: 16

4. Allan Dean
3. Gary Sandner
2. Murray Gale, Van Helden
1. Sarge, Friend, Watt, Collings, Nacinovic

Bankstown National (10)

Manly Warringah 1-1, 0-2; Ku-Ring-Gai 1-4, 0-0; Rockdale Ilinden 0-2, 0-3; Canterbury 1-3, 0-2; Sutherland 1-1, 0-5; Melita Eagles 1-4, 1-4; Narrabeen 0-1, 0-0; Polonia 1-4, 2-1; Avala 0-1, 0-2; Uruguay 3-3, 0-0; Fairy Meadow 2-1, 1-2.

Goals: 18

5. Peter Hassan
2. Meerban, Hammond, T Antonopoulos, C Antonopoulos, Hossein



Mrs Allan (left) and Mrs Farrugia (second from left), whose husbands have been starring with Melita Eagles, are pictured at Melita's function last week to announce their sponsorship deal with Air Malta, Melita's new coach Dennis Hoggart is third from left. Picture: ALEX VESIC

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EAGLES FLY AIR MALTA

BY ALEX VESIC

Melita Eagles' first-ever grand final victory preceded its successful bid to obtain sponsorship from the Maltese National airline Air Malta.

Last Friday at the Phoenix Club in Sydney, Les Cassar of Air Malta announced a five-figure sponsorship of Melita Eagles in 1986.

The figure, not officially disclosed, is believed to be in the vicinity of \$20,000.

Mr Cassar said it was the first sponsorship undertaken by his company.

Speakers during the presentation included Melita's Secretary Sam Vella, President Emanuel Said, Maltese Consul Gaetano Pace and Dennis Sammut of the Bank of Valletta.

Wonderland Travel and Starline Motors, the two sponsors that contributed a lot in the past were not forgotten at the function and both were thanked for their efforts.

Air Malta operates flights from Sydney to Malta once a week. It has been such a success that the company is looking towards introducing another flight every week.

Flight connections from Malta to the rest of Europe and UK are daily.

Melita, one of the leading clubs in the State League for many years, had an unhappy introduction to the National League a couple of seasons ago. Melita officials are still seething with anger over being relegated despite being well in front of the last

CHANGE THE SYSTEM!

Why the famous couldn't make it

Comedian Mal Meikle relayed the apologies of various dignitaries who were unable to attend the Victorian Rothmans Medal dinner.

John Michael Howson couldn't come, said Meikle, because he was attending a drag race in Sydney.

Dennis Lillee was in New Zealand, where they'd named a town after him — Whykicapakie.

Lou Richards was at the university, giving a dissertation on fine English.

John Cain was trying to explain to Brian Murray that his initials are J.C.

Malcolm Fraser was at home looking for John Kerr's phone number, following which he had to do to Tamie what he did to Australia.

Meikle also spoke of the woman who had been raped by a BLF worker.

How did she know it was a BLF worker?

"I had to do all the work," she said. The next day he tried again, but it started to rain so he stopped.

The Minister for Sport, John Brown, chimed in later with:

"I saw John Cain and John Howard sitting together at a function. Someone said: 'If you had a Roman orgy, you'd send them out to buy the grapes.'"



● Former team mates at Morwell Falcons and former Victorian Rothmans Medal winners Bobby McGuinness (left) and Jim MacLean. Pictures: LES SHORROCK

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The Victorian Soccer Federation and Rothmans will continue to do a disservice to the Rothmans medal as long as they include the votes of ineligible players in the final tally.

Bobby McGuinness of Western suburbs polled the most votes — 29 — but was ineligible because he had been sent off during the year.

So the medal went to Branko Culina, who came second in the voting.

The same thing happened in 1979 when Robbie Cullen, then of Makedonia, topped the poll but because he was ineligible, the medal went to Tommy Cumming.

If the ineligible votes simply were kept secret, then we would not see the shine being taken off the gold medal as it was last Friday.

Even Culina said so.

The rules of the award are specific. It is for the best and the fairest player, so if you are sent off, then you cannot win it.

McGuinness knew it all along, so he made no friends with his comments afterwards.

He said the best and fairest award was "a joke" and that his sending-off had been the result of a misunderstanding with the referee.

He said the award should be for the player of the year, not for the best and fairest player, adding that sometimes you have to be a bit unfair to be the best.

He said he was happy inasmuch as he had received more compliments than the winner. McGuinness maintained that he had been the player of the year.



● The Polonia table, from left: Chez Plaskota, Davie Gibson, Rick Lipiarski, John Little, Mike Zurek and John Pater.



● The Northcote table, from left: Arthur Patiniotis, George Karastavrou, Jimmy Pyrgiolos and Nick Samaras.



● The men from Springvale, from left: Harry Healey, John Luyten, Bobby McLachlan, Ralph Settle (foreground), Keith Adams and Paul Whipps.

West's switch

Victorian State League club Western Suburbs will pay at Skinner Reserve, in Churchill Avenue, Sunshine, next season.

West's will share the ground with VFA club Sunshine. Until now, Western Suburbs have played at Ralph Street Reserve.

More for sport

The Minister for Sport, John Brown, told the Rothmans Medal dinner that until recently, the federal government spent only \$6 million on sport, but \$19,000 million on health.

"We were spending three thousand times as much on health, rather than on preventing illness through sport. Yet we share with Finland the highest level of heart disease in the world," he said.

Mr. Brown pointed out that the latest budget allocates \$54 million to sport.



● "Soccer Action" reporter Ken Kontra (centre) was at the Western Suburbs table. Others pictured, from left: Andy Esposito, Keiron Coyle and Messrs. Pashalis and Hadjimouratis.

VOTES

★ DENOTES PLAYER SUSPENDED — NOT ELIGIBLE FOR AWARD

28. McGuinness* (West Sub)
27. Culina (St. Alb)
25. MacLean (Morwell)
24. Athersych (Morwell) Adams (Spring)
23. Cassar (Morwell) Hughes* (Box Hill)
21. Webster (Franks Pines)
19. Tansey* (Croyd)
17. Cullen (Franks Pines) Gibson (Pol) Luyten (Spring)
16. Verechia (Box Hill) Livingsstone (Croyd)
15. Palinkas (Fawk) Bruns (Morwell) Senon* (West Sub)
14. McMillan (Box Hill), French (Croyd) Little (Pol) Bozakis (North)
13. Angele (Fawk) Warszawski* (Pol)
12. T. Latif (Alb) F. MacLeod (Fawk) Patiniotis (North)
11. Patsaman (Alb) Humble (Box Hill), Dick (Franks Pines) Dick (Pol) Cosentino* (Thomas) Di Martino* (Thomas)
10. Piccione (Alb) Moyle (Fawk) Pottore (Fawk) Thomas (Franks Pines) P. Constantinou (North) Haupt (Ring)
9. Underwood (Knox) Raponi (Thomas) Lasic (Thomas)
8. Reilly (Alb) O'Reilly (Croyd) Beech (Croyd) Quigley (Fawk)

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6. Jovicic (Alb) Douglas (Alb) Cozzella* (Fawk) Thurlow* (Franks Pines) Byrne (Knox) Murray (Ring) Kibede (Ring) Nyrovic (St. Alb) Debeljuz (St. Alb) Esposito (West Sub) Tuck (West Sub)
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Sawdon tops in Tassie

George Town United's player-coach, Peter Sawdon, won the 1985 Rothmans Gold Medal in Tasmania with 35 votes at a presentation function held at the Wrest Point Casino last Friday.

Sawdon received votes in 15 of the 21 matches and his tally is the third highest in the history of the award in Tasmania.

Olympia-WPL's sweeper, Peter Sherman, was second with 27 votes while Rapid's Dale Blake and Devonport City's player-coach, Phil Ashworth, finished equal third with 26 votes.

Tasmania's Minister for Sport and Recreation, Brendan Lyons, presented the winner with his medal.

"I'm absolutely on top of the world," said Sawdon. "It's an unbelievable feeling and I just couldn't explain it. 'Without my teammates, it just wouldn't have been possible. It's the biggest award I've ever won and it's the biggest I'm ever likely to win.'"

Sawdon has been in Tasmania for five seasons, after arriving from England, and took George Town to its second successive Northern Honeychurch Premier League title this season. It was his third championship in a row, having won the 1983 title with Launceston Juventus.

Sawdon was also the league's leading goalscorer with 26 goals and last week won the North's best and fairest honor, the George Dale award with 26 votes.

He is the third player from Tee-side in England to win the Rothmans Gold Medal in Tasmania. Eric Young (1982) and Ian Parker (1984) are the other two and all three players lived and played their soccer within a 30-mile radius of each other near Middlesbrough.

"I felt as though I was always in with a chance because I won the George Dale award last week but you always think that someone's going to pip you at the post," Sawdon said.

"Fortunately for me, no one did."

Sawdon will lead George Town against Juventus-Pioneer in the second leg of the State premiership at KGV in Glenorchy on Friday. His side has to make up a 3-0 deficit following its home defeat to Juventus last week.

Sawdon says that he will stay with George Town next season.


"I couldn't look for a better future than with the club I'm currently playing for."

"They've been absolutely magnificent to me and they're just a wonderful crowd. There's no other way to explain it."

Leading vote-getters: PETER SAWDON (George Town) 35; PETER SHERMAN (Olympia WPL) 27; DALE BLAKE (Rapid), PHIL ASHWORTH (Devonport City) 26; PETER THOMPSON (Croatia-Glenorchy) 21; SERGIO PACE (Juventus-Pioneer) 20; STEVE MORLEY (Launceston Croatia) 19; DAVID STODDART (White Eagles) 18.



● George Town United player-coach Peter Sawdon, winner of the 1984 Tasmanian Rothmans Gold Medal. Picture: JAMES KERR.



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The injunction forced the suspension of the Association's top four cup series final between Tasmania and Portland on Sunday. International, based at Mount Gambier, was suspended and its President and Coach were banned for life last week when the SESA board found the club guilty of inciting a riot during the first semi-final of the cup series against Portland on September 22.

But Association officials hope the dispute will be resolved by the court.

The injunction allows the matter to be resolved internally by the Association and International officials before Friday. "Association President Hans Altorf said "I am confident

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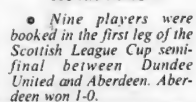
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Sanderson	5	5	5	26	19	15

As they were sent off, the other International players walked off the ground and remained in their changeroom for 10 minutes. They returned to lose the semi-final 2-1.

● Franz Beckenbauer has signed a new three-year contract with the West German federation, so he will remain in charge of the national side right through until the 1988 European Championship.

● **UEFA** has confirmed that it will not consider any ban on the English national team as a further penalty for the Brussels riot.

• Norway's recent 2-1 win over Italy in a non-competitive international was its first ever over Azzurri.



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• Danish international Preben Elkjaer-Larsen, with his national team coach Sepp Piontek. Elkjaer-Larsen scored twice for Verona against PAOK in Salonika.

Zico returns for \$3 mil.

ZICO is back, at last, with Flamengo — signalling his return with a goal from a typical free kick in a 3-0 win over Bahia in the quarter-finals of the Brazilian championship.

Zico's return home from Udinese had been on the cards for six months and was a certainty after the fall sentence and heavy fine imposed on the Brazilian in his absence by an Italian court for tax evasion.

Flamengo had faced a Udinese demand for a fee of close to the \$7 million the Italians paid two years ago. But the court verdict was good news for the Brazilians. They dropped their offer to a mere \$900,000, knowing there is no way Zico could have returned to Italy to play for Udinese.

The Italians threatened to withhold all transfer documents and this game of international cat and mouse ended with agreement at around \$3 million — the money put up on behalf of Flamengo by a bunch of multinational companies who will use the player for sponsorships and endorsements.

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The "Jornal do Brasil" reported that this was "a different Zico from the one who left us two years ago. He is not as explosive now but his thinking appears sharper. He is not as fast but he is quicker than ever to see the pass which catches the opposition unawares and opens the path to a goal for a team mate."

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Europeans AE's dream, Italians crush the rest

AEK Athens' euphoria in the UEFA Cup was short-lived. The 1-0 victory it had managed at home against Real Madrid was wiped out by an own goal from Lysandros Georgiamlis after only five minutes, and Real went on to thump the Greeks 5-0 to win 5-1 on aggregate.

The dreams of former Soccer Eddie Krncevic were shattered meanwhile in Dresden, East Germany. Krncevic's goal at home had given Cercle Bruges a 3-2 victory against Dynamo Dresden, but on its home ground, Dynamo won 2-1. Vardar Skopje of Yugoslavia — former club of Soccer Zarko Odzakovic — also squeezed through in the UEFA Cup on the away goals rule. A goal by Zdravkov gave Vardar a 1-0 victory at home against Dinamo Bucharest, making the aggregate score 2-2. Juventus led an Italian 'full-house' into the second round of the three European club competitions — but a number of famous names from other European countries fell by the wayside.

While the six Italian clubs involved all safely negotiated their first-round clashes, four former European Champions Cup holders — Ajax, Celtic, Hamburg and Feyenoord — made early exits.

Ajax was eliminated from the Champions' Cup by Portuguese opponent FC Porto. Celtic, playing in front of empty terraces, was beaten at home by Atletico Madrid in the Cup Winners' Cup.

Hamburg lost out to Sparta Rotterdam in a penalty shoot-out in the UEFA Cup while Dutch neighbor Feyenoord crashed out of the same competition when it was beaten 3-4 on aggregate by Sporting Lisbon.

Its Glaswegian rivals Rangers lost their UEFA Cup encounter against Osasuna Pamplona, leaving Scottish champion Aberdeen, easy winner against Iceland's Alfreys, Britain's best hope for a European trophy.

France also made a disastrous start in the competitions and has only one survivor from five starters. Monaco and Metz all went out, leaving Nantes, 3-0 home winner in the UEFA Cup against Iceland's Valur Reykjavik, to carry the French flag.

Spain's Barcelona trembled, losing 0-1 at home to Sparta Prague, but scraped into the second-round of the champions' cup on away goals.

But there was glory in the same competition for Finland. Kuusysi Lahti travelled to Yugoslavia and beat Sarajevo 1-2 for a 4-2 aggregate triumph.

In Turin, the eerie silence of the deserted Stadio Comunale served as a poignant reminder of the Champions Cup final tragedy in Brussels. Juventus was ordered to play its match against Luxembourg's Jeunesse d'Esch behind closed doors for the part played by its supporters in the riots which caused the death of 39 people.

With the Italian league already 5-0 up from the first-leg, there was nothing at stake and Juventus simply went on another amble to make the aggregate score 9-1.

Frenchman Michel Platini put Juventus ahead after 22 minutes. Pin made it 2-0 five minutes into the second-half and Aldo Serena scored the other two (52 and 64 min) to take his tally to four for the tie. Guillot scored a consolation goal for Jeunesse in the 74th minute.

Italy's other representative in the top competition, Verona, also reached the second round when it came away with an impressive 2-1 win against PAOK Salonika in Greece.

Once again it was the Danish international forward Preben Elkjaer-Larsen who played the major role. He scored twice in the 3-1 first-leg win and repeated the performance with goals in the 29th and 73rd minutes.

PAOK had taken a fourth minute lead. Ajax could do no better than score a goalless draw at home to Portugal's FC Porto after losing 2-0 away, and last season's semi-finalist Bordeaux of France, which suffered a shock 2-3 defeat at home to Fenerbahce, managed only a 0-0 draw in the return in Turkey.

Barcelona, struggling to find its form of last season, was stunned when visiting Sparta Prague took a ninth minute lead through Griga and in the end the Spanish side was glad to be able to rely on its 2-1 against Trakia Plovdiv.

Bayern Munich, 2-1 up from the first leg in Poland against Gornik Zabrze, fell behind after 18 minutes but finally eased through with a 4-1 win which included two goals from Hartmann.

In the Cup Winners' Cup the outstanding performance came from Atletico Madrid which, having been led 1-1 at home, came away with a 2-1 win against Celtic in Glasgow.

After blunders, Celtic manager David Hay made the defeat on the match being played behind closed doors, following crowd violence at the Scottish club's match with Rapid Vienna last season.

The lack of atmosphere affected the players and the referee never got going. "The fact that there were no fans was definitely to Atletico's advantage and they deserved to win."

Atletico snatched well-taken goals from the feet of Setien and Quique, and although Celtic pulled one back through Roy Aitken, it was only a consolation effort.

Northern Irish side Linfield suffered a double blow on the half hour of its Champions Cup clash against Servette in Geneva. Leading 1-0, with a goal from Anderson, Linfield lost defender David Jeffrey and striker Robert Barr when the two collided and had to leave the field with nasty head injuries.

Servette, which drew 2-2 in the first leg, profited from the Irish side's misfortune in coming back to win 2-1 with goals from Swedish international Mags Magnusson (43) and Jaccard (50).

Oleg Blokhin, who scored one of the goals when Dynamo Kiev won the Cup Winners' Cup 10 years ago, is back in the same competition this season and scored as the current Soviet league leader disposed of Dutch side Utrecht 5-3 on aggregate.

Kiev, 2-1 down from the first-leg, looked to be in trouble when it fell behind after eight minutes but Blokhin had his team level a couple of minutes later and it powered through with another three goals.

A 41st minute goal from Roberto Mancini, already on target in the 1-1 first-leg draw, saw Italian Cup holder Sampdoria home against Peter Katholos's Greek side Larissa. Also through is last season's beaten finalist, Rapid Vienna.

The biggest scores both came in the Cup Winners' Cup. Bayer Uerdingen put nine past Zurich of Malta while Sweden's AIK Stockholm completed a 13-3 aggregate win over Red Boys Differdange of Luxembourg.

Hungarian side Debrecen, beaten by Real Madrid in last season's final, needed the away goals rule to dispose of Malmo of Sweden.

It was a sorry sight for Hamburg as it was beaten 4-3 on penalties by Dutch side Sparta Rotterdam. Peeling 2-0 from the first leg, Hamburg levelled with goals from Michael Schroder (77) and Thomas Von Heesen (83) only to lose at the death.

Sparta's hero was goalkeeper Van Noordwijk, who saved Wolfgang Roloff's effort and deflected Schroder's on to the post.

West German league leader Werder Bremen, 2-1 behind from the first-leg, carried over its win on away goals at the hands of Soviet side Chernomorets Odessa after winning the return 3-2.

French striker Thierry Papin, a close season signing, was the hero for FC Bruges as it won 3-1 at home to Portugal's Boavista to win 6-5 on aggregate. Papin fired a superb hat-trick, with goals in the 28th, 54th and 84th minutes and those French clubs licking their wounds must be wondering what they have missed.

European Cup

In Bucharest: STEAUA BUCHAREST (Romania) 4 BK VEJLE (Denmark) 1 (half-time 2-1).

Scorers — Steauna Bucharest: Stoica (8th, 73rd mins), Boloni (33rd), Ballat (51st) BK Vejle: Simonsen (37th). Attendance: 30,000.

STEAUA BUCHAREST WON 5-2 ON AGGREGATE.

In Istanbul: FENERBAHCE (Turkey) 0 BORDEAUX (France) 0.

Attendance: 40,000.

FENERBAHCE WON 3-2 ON AGGREGATE.

In Plovdiv: TRAKIA PLOVDIV (Bulgaria) 1 GOTHENBURG SLOVEN 2 (1-1).

Scorers — Trakia: Kostadinov (44th min), Golebchev (59th), Erizan (88th). Attendance: 20,000.

GOTHENBURG WON 5-3 ON AGGREGATE.

In Turin: JUVENTUS 15 (Italy) 4 JEU-NESE D'ESCH (Luxembourg) 1 (1-0).

Scorers — Juventus: Michel Platini (23rd min), Gabriele Pin (50th), Aldo Serena (52nd, 64th). Jeunesse d'Esch: Jean-Luc Guillot (73rd).

JUVENTUS WON 8-1 ON AGGREGATE.

In Salonika: PAOK SALONIKA (Greece) 1 VERONA (Italy) 2 (1-1).

Scorers — PAOK: Vasilis Vasilakos (4th min), Verona: Preben Elkjaer (30th, 71st).

Attendance: 30,000.

VERONA WON 5-2 ON AGGREGATE.

In Sarajevo: SARAJEVO (Yugoslavia) 1 KUUSYI LAHTI (Finland) 2 (1-2).

Scorers — Sarajevo: Vukcivic (32nd min penalty), Lahti: Lius (13th, 15th). Attendance: 17,000.

LAHTI WON 4-2 ON AGGREGATE.

In Nicosia: OMONIA NICOSIA (Cyprus) 5 AJAX RABOTA (Malta) 0 (3-0).

Scorers — Omonia: Christof (12th), Theophanis Theophanous (45th, 65th), Andreas Kantilios (68th). Attendance: 12,000.

OMONIA WON 10-0 ON AGGREGATE.

In Geneva: SERVETTE GENEVA (Switzerland) 2 LINFIELD (Northern Ireland) 1 (1-1).

Scorers — Servette: Magnusson (44th min), Jaccard (54th). Linfield: Anderson (37th).

SERVETTE WON 4-3 ON AGGREGATE.

In Barcelona: BARCELONA (Spain) 0 SPARTA PRAGUE (Czechoslovakia) 1 (0-1).

Scorers: Stanislav Griga (9th min). Attendance: 60,000.

BARCELONA WON 2-1 ON AGGREGATE.

In Amsterdam: AJAX AMSTERDAM (Netherlands) 0 PORTO (Portugal) 0.

Attendance: 55,000.

PORTO WON 2-0 ON AGGREGATE.

In Dublin: SHAMROCK ROVERS (Ireland) 1 RONVED BUDAPEST (Hungary) 3 (0-0).

Scorers — Shamrock: Condy, Honved: Detari, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

HONVED WON 5-1 ON AGGREGATE.

In Oslo: VALERENGES (Norway) 0 ZENET LENINGRAD (Soviet Union) 2 (0-0).

Scorers: Sergei Dimitrov (78th min), Sergei Vedeniev (83rd). Attendance: 2,422.

ZENET WON 4-0 ON AGGREGATE.

In Vienna: AUSTRIA VIENNA (Austria) 2 DYNAMO BERLIN (East Germany) 1 (0-0).

Scorers — Austria: Vienna (60th), Dynamo: Schultz (90th). Attendance: 9,500.

AUSTRIA WON 3-0 ON AGGREGATE.



• Michel Platini — helped Juventus destroy Jeunesse d'Esch.

AUSTRIA VIENNA WON 4-1 ON AGGREGATE.

In Munich: BAYERN MUNICH (West Germany) 4 GORNIK ZABRZE (Poland) 1 (1-1).

Scorers — Bayern: Helmut Wobhofer (25th min), Frank Hartmann (53th, 73rd), Dieter Hoeneß (85th). Gornik: Marek Majka (18th). Attendance: 13,500.

BAYERN WON 6-2 ON AGGREGATE.

In Aberdeen: ABERDEEN (Scotland) 4 AKRANES (Iceland) 1 (1-1).

Scorers — Aberdeen: Neale Simpson (5th min), John Hewitt (59th), Steve Gray (65th), Willie Falconer (87th). Akranes: Hordur Johannsson (31st). Attendance: 14,500.

ABERDEEN WON 7-2 ON AGGREGATE.

Cup Winners Cup

In Tatabanya: TATABANYA (Hungary) 1 RAPID VIENNA (Austria) 1 (HALFTIME 0-0).

Scorers — Tatabanya: Schmidt (50th min), Rapid: Weinhofer (61st). Attendance: 8,000.

RAPID VIENNA WON 6-1 ON AGGREGATE.

In Craiova: UNIVERSITATEA CRAIOVA (Romania) 3 MONACU (France) 0 (1-0).

Scorers: Georgiu (18th, 81st mins), Bicu (77th). Attendance: 6,000.

UNIVERSITATEA CRAIOVA WON 3-2 ON AGGREGATE.

In Glasgow: GLASGOW CELTIC (Scotland) 1 ATLETICO MADRID (Spain) 2 (0-1).

Scorers — Celtic: Aitken (74th min), Atletico: Setien (80th), Quique (72nd).

ATLETICO WON 3-2 ON AGGREGATE.

In Tirana: FLAMURTARI VLORA (Albania) 1 HELSINKI (Finland) 2 (1-1).

Scorers — Flamurtari: Ruci (11th min), Helsinki: Vaha (6th, 30th).

HELSINKI WON 4-2 ON AGGREGATE.

In Galway: GALWAY UNITED (Ireland) 2 LYNGBY (Denmark) 3 (0-2).

Scorers — Galway: Murphy, Bonner, Lyngby: Christensen, Schafer, Spangberg. Attendance: 5,000.

LYNGBY WON 4-2 ON AGGREGATE.

In Utrecht: DYNAMO DRESDEN (East Germany) 2 CERCLE BRUGES (Belgium) 1 (1-1).

Scorers — Dynamo: Oleg Blokhin (10th min), Ivan Yermichuk (20th), Aleksandr Zavarov (50th), Vadim Yevlachev (60th). Cercle: Setien (80th).

DYNAMO WON 5-3 ON AGGREGATE.

In Warsaw: WIDZEW LODZ (Poland) 2 GALATASARAY ISTANBUL (Turkey) 2 (0-2).

Scorers — Widzew: Wlasiak Cisek (1st min), Jerzy Leszczyk (90th), Galatasaray: Erdal (54th). Attendance: 17,000.

AGGREGATE 2-2 GALATASARAY WON ON AWAY GOALS RULE.

In Bangor: BANGOR CITY (Wales) 0 FREDRIKSTAD (Norway) 0.

AGGREGATE 1-1: BANGOR WON ON AWAY GOALS RULE.

In Krefeld: BAYER UERDINGEN (West Germany) 9 ZURRIEO (Malta) 0 (5-0).

Scorers — Rodi Bommer (13th, 32nd mins), Friedhelm Funkh (22nd), Gernot Goerissen (25th), Thomas Anderson (30th), Bjorn Johansson (88th). Attendance: 400.

AIK STOCKHOLM WON 13-0 ON AGGREGATE.

In Prague: DUKLA PRAGUE (Czechoslovakia) 4 AEL LIMASSOL (Cyprus) 0 (1-0).

Scorers: Luby (20th min), Pelc (46th, 55th), Vizek (60th). Attendance: 6,000.

DUKLA WON 6-0 ON AGGREGATE.

In Belfast: GLENTORAN (Northern Ireland) 1 FRAM REYKJAVIK (Iceland) 0 (0-0).

Scorer: Mullian. Attendance: 5,000.

REYKJAVIK WON 3-2 ON AGGREGATE.

In Zurich: AARAU (Switzerland) 2 RED STAR BELGRADE (Yugoslavia) 2 (2-2).

Scorers — Aarau: Meyer (7th), Zwahlen (37th), Red Star: Musenik (3rd), Jankovic (7th). Attendance: 12,000.

RED STAR WON 4-2 ON AGGREGATE.

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In Skopje: VARDAR SKOPJE (Yugoslavia) 1 DINAMO BUCHAREST (Romania) 0 (0-0).

Scorer: Zdravkov (47th min). Attendance: 35,000.

AGGREGATE 2-2: VARDAR QUALIFIED ON AWAY GOALS RULE.

In Sofia: LOKOMOTIV SOFIA (Bulgaria) 4 APOEL NICOSIA (Cyprus) 2 after extra time (halftime 1-2, normal time 2-2).

Scorers — Lokomotiv: Velichkov (11th, 78th mins), Petkov (90th), Antonov (108th), Apoel: Nicosia (Murs) (16th), Joano (22nd). Attendance: 25,000.

LOKOMOTIV WON 6-4 ON AGGREGATE.

In Poznan: LECH POZNA (Poland) 0 BORUSSIA MOENCHENGADBACH (West Germany) 2 (0-1).

Scorers — Borussia: Nowiadomski (34th min own goal), Linen (77th). Attendance: 35,000.

BORUSSIA WON 3-1 ON AGGREGATE.

In Leipzig: LOKOMOTIV LEIPZIG (East Germany) 5 COLERAINE (Northern Ireland) 0 (4-0).

Scorers: Letzke (10th min), Kuehn (33rd), Baum (34th), Liebers (44th), Richter (83rd). Attendance: 10,000.

LOKOMOTIV WON 6-1 ON AGGREGATE.

In Bratislava: BOHEMIANS PRAGUE (Czechoslovakia) 4 RABA ETO

GYOR (Hungary) 1 after extra time (Halftime 2-1, normal time 3-1).

Scorers — Bohemians: Marsik (8th min), Micinic (18th), Hruska (50th, 110th), Rana Hajzan (45th). Attendance: 30,000.

BOHEMIANS WON 5-4 ON AGGREGATE.

In Belgrade: PARTIZAN BELGRADE (Yugoslavia) 4 PORTIMONENSE (Portugal) 0 (2-0).

Scorers — Vucicevic (19th min penalty, 83rd, 85th), Djukic (29th). Attendance: 30,000.

PARTIZAN WON 4-1 ON AGGREGATE.

In Krivoy Rog: DNEPR DNEPROPETROVSK (Soviet Union) 2 WISMUT AUE (East Germany) 1 (0-0).

Scorers — Dnepropetrovsk: Oleg Protasov (51st, 78th mins), Wismut: Stefan Lorenz (72nd).

DNEPROPETROVSK WON 5-2 ON AGGREGATE.

In Turku: TURUN PALLOSEURA (Finland) 1 SPARTAK MOSCOW (Soviet Union) 3 (1-2).

Scorers — Turun: Kimmo Lipponen (17th min), Spartak: Juha Laaksonen (2nd min own goal), Sergei Rodionov (11th), Sergei Novikov (9th). Attendance: 5,622.

SPARTAK WON 4-1 ON AGGREGATE.

In Paisley: ST MIRREN (Scotland) 3 SLAVIA PRAGUE (Czechoslovakia) 0 after extra time (Halftime 1-0, normal time 1-0).

Scorers — Brian Gallagher (42nd min), Frank McGarvey (101st, 108th). Attendance: 11,000.

ST MIRREN WON 3-1 ON AGGREGATE.

In Hamburg: HAMBURG (West Germany) 2 SPARTA ROTTERDAM (Netherlands) 0 (0-0) after extra time (Halftime 0-0, normal time 2-0).

Scorers — Michael Schuster (78th), Thomas Von Heerden (84th). Attendance: 22,000.

AGGREGATE 2-2: SPARTA WON 4-3 ON PENALTIES.

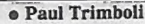
In Madrid: REAL MADRID (Spain) 5 AEK ATHENS (Greece) 0 (4-0).

Scorers — Lysandros Georgiamlis (5th min own goal), Emilio Butragueño (11th), Michel Gonzalez (19th), Jorge Valdano (32nd), Hugo Sanchez (58th). Attendance: 55,000.

REAL MADRID WON 5-1 ON AGGREGATE.

In Milan: AC MILAN (Italy) 3 AUXERRE (France) 0 (2-0).

Scorers: Viridis (29th, 82nd mins), Hateley (36th). Attendance: 65,00



Maclean, winner of last year's Victorian Rothmans Medal, polled 32 votes, seven ahead of Western Suburbs striker Bobby McGuinness. St Albans Dinamo midfielder Branko Culina, winner of the 1985 Victorian Rothmans Medal, was third with 24 votes.

The Bill Fleming Medal is judged by a panel of soccer writers.

Paul Trimboli, already lauded as one of the most exciting teenage talents in Australian soccer, is the winner of the 1985 Weinstein Medal as the best under 16 player in Victoria.

Trimboli, who has been trialling with Juventus, represented Australia in the World Championship finals for under 16s, held in China earlier this year and starred in the Victorian under 16 team which won the national title.

There will be no Bill Fleming Medal presentation dinner this year due to the collapse of the Victorian branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association.

MacLean and Trimboli will be presented with their medals before the big World Cup qualifying match between Australia and Israel at Olympic Park in Melbourne on Sunday, October 20.

Here are all the Bill Fleming Medal votes:
32 — MacLean (Morwell)

25 — McGuinness (Suburbs)
 24 — Culina (Dinamo)
 17 — Webster (F'iston Pines)
 7 — French (Croydon),
 Cosentino (Thomastown)
 6 — Stenson (Suburbs),
 Adams (Springvale)
 5 — Toro (Northcote), Bingham
 (Morwell), Douglas (Albion)
 4 — O'Reilly (Croydon),
 Bruns (Morwell)
 3 — Little (Pollonia), Pati-
 notis (Northcote), Palinkas
 (Fawkner), Livingstone
 (Croydon)
 2 — Brogan, Ollerton (Croy-
 don), Lipiarski (Polonia)
 1 — Whiteside (Croydon),
 Fattore (Fawkner), Boziks
 (Northcote)
Provincials Bill Fleming
Medal winners:
 1971 — Jim Prevostus (SM-

1972 — John Gardiner (Geo
 Cross)
 1973 — Frank Micic
 (J.U.S.T.)
 1974 — Jim Armstrong (SM-
 Hellas)
 1975 — Bill Vojtek (Juven-
 tus)
 1976 — Jim Tansey (Slavia)
 1977 — Mick Watkins (Ju-
 ventus)
 1978 — Tom Cumming
 (Croatia)
 1979 — Tom Cumming
 (Croatia)
 1980 — Jimmy Dunne
 (Green Gully)
 1981 — Charlie Egan
 (Frankston City)
 1982 — Peter Lewis (Green
 Gully)
 1983 — Paul Lewis (Green
 Gully)

1984 — Steve Smith (Box Hill)
Previous Weinstein Medal winners:
 1975 — Reno Lia (Hellas)
 1976 — Colin Allison (Melbourne)
 1977 — Alex Rivero (Box Hill)
 1978 — Roberto Trafficante (Triestina)
 1979 — Greg McLeod (Box Hill)
 1980 — Dane Beranic (Green Gully)
 1981 — John Campbell (Surrey)
 1982 — Warren Spink (Dove)
 1983 — Con Kiakos (South Oakleigh)
 1984 — David Healey (Knox City)

A few days absorbing the atmosphere of Athens and Tel Aviv brought out the philosopher in Socceroo coach Frank Arok before last night's (Tuesday's) World Cup qualifying match with Israel.

"It is stupid to allow passions to become aroused to the extent that people want blood, revenge, sackings and so on, just over 10 minutes of football," he said.

"They are important matches, but nothing is worth all that craziness.

I want to be successful, but I am not prepared to go for victory at any price. I don't believe anyone has the right to ruin another person's livelihood," Arok said.

"If I'm going to be remembered at all, I want it to be for something positive that I've

contributed to the game, not for something negative.

"Life is too short to let negative aspects dominate your life."

He said the recent death of former Socorro Phil O'Connor, a player at St George under Arok, had shaken him.

"I've never seen that short life is. I never want to do a thing I could be sorry for — that I would regret and want to change — because maybe I'd never get the chance."

Arok's comments were in marked contrast to his usual devil-may-care attitude.

However, he made it clear his comments didn't mean he was going to allow the Australian side to play its natural, physical style.

"That's our game. If we can't play that, then we have nothing," he said.

—STEPHEN DETTRE

NEW ZEALAND 5 (Declan Edge, Colin Walker, Steve Sumner 3 (incl one pen))
TAIWAN 1 (Chen Sing-an, Auckland. Attendance: 5000.)

NEW ZEALAND: Van Hattum, Mulligan, Evans, Boeth (captain), Dunford, Cresswell, Sumner, Cole, Edge, Turner, Walker.

TAIWAN: In Jen (captain), Hong-Yue, Chun-Kuei, Yao-Chuan, Tang-Jang, Jeng-Tsun, Jung-Tsung, Shiao Yun-Fu, Sing-An, Huey-Shyong, Ming-Jen.

Oceania qualifying group table before the Israel v Australia match this morning (Wednesday):

	W	D	L	F	A	P1
Israel	2	0	0	11	0	4
New Zeal.	1	1	0	5	1	3
Australia	0	1	0	0	0	1
Taiwan	0	0	3	1	16	0



● New Zealand goalie Frank van Hattum foils Du Deng-Chyan in a rare Taiwanese raid. New Zealand won this World Cup qualifying match 5-1 in Auckland last Saturday.

*Uni Craiova (Romania) vs
 Dynamo Kiev (Soviet Union)
 Bangor (Wales) vs Atle-
 tico Madrid (Spain)
 Helsinki (Finland) vs
 Dynamo Dresden (East
 Germany)
 Uerdingen (West
 Germany) vs Galatasaray Is-
 tanbul (Turkey)*

*Onderlecht (Belgium) vs
Amonia Nicosia (Cyprus)
Barcelona (Spain) vs Porto
(Portugal)
Bayern Munich (West
Germany) vs Austria Vienna
(Austria)
Horned Budapest
(Hungary) vs Steaua Buch-
arest (Romania)
Gothenburg (Sweden) vs
Fenerbahce Istanbul (Tur-
key)
Verona (Italy) vs Juventus
(Italy)
Leningrad (Soviet Union)
vs Lahti (Finland)
Servette Geneva (Swit-
zerland) vs Aberdeen (Scot-
land)*

The top clubs have also hurt more than most by the deadlock between the League and television networks on match rights which has kept the game off British screens so far this season.

There is little doubt they would prefer to operate in a more streamlined system than the umbrella of the 82-club, four-division football league.

However suggestions the first division be slashed to 16 or 18 clubs have never got off the ground when the voting structure demands a three-quarters majority of the 92 clubs for major changes.

Such a move would need several first division clubs voting themselves out and most of the second division resigning itself to a permanent stay there.

Officials from both the League and the code's governing body, the Football Association, made it clear there was no legal bar to a move which

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Striker Warren Spink came on at half time in Makedonia's quarter-final battle with Frankston Pines and seems certain to be in the starting line-up against Gully. That could mean that Sean Lane will play out wide in midfield with Spink and Gary Cole up front.

I believe that Makedonia has deficiencies in defence and in midfield. Coach Bill Murray

must partly share that view for he's trying to sign Lar Roodhouse from State League club Box Hill.

And in Claude Lucchesi and Tommy Cumming, Gully has the men to expose flaws in the Makedonia make-up.

Lucchesi has a few hassles towards the end of his stint with Makedonia, so he'd like nothing better than to stick it up his old club.

If Petersen is available, he'll slot into the Juventus

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FORZA JUVE!

VIVA ITALIA!

Per i campioni d'Australia della Juventus ovviamente non esiste il riposo sugli allori a giudicare dalla lena con cui si sono buttati nel torneo della Dockerty Cup. Mentre tutti si aspettavano che questa appendice alla stagione calcistica sarebbe stata presa alla leggera dalla squadra di Margaritis, i due avversari che si son trovati sulla strada dei bianconeri hanno scoperto a proprie spese che la voglia di vincere e' ancora molto viva nel clan juventino.

Due settimane fa il malcapitato Western Suburbs se ne andò a casa con ben cinque reti nel sacco e domenica scorsa il George ross ha subito una punizione altrettanto dura se si considera che la Juventus ha giocato in dieci uomini per circa un'ora (espulsione di Miranda) e che ha ingranato la marcia solo nell'ultima mezz'ora di gioco rimontando lo svantaggio di una rete messa a

Nella ripresa, quando la squadra era ridotta a tre uomini, il capitano, il portiere di riserva, Margarius ha fatto la sua ormai solita mossa vincente: sostituendo Minichello con un altro giocatore di riserva. Quasi per incanto la Juventus ha cominciato a girare a pieno regime ed è il 71° un gol viene iniziata da Campolongo, il prodotto di casa, Sweeney metteva la palla buona sul piede di Incannatolo che insaccava spettacolarmente. Un'ultima delusione: le famose cannonate di sinistra. Sette minuti dopo Palastis portava la Juventus in vantaggio e nuovamente il

Così domenica prossima la semifinale del prestigioso torneo incontrando il Croatia, mentre il Green Gully e il Preston (vincitori di misura sul "Forcing" dei Fawkes Pines) si giocheranno l'altro posto in finale nella prima partita del pomeriggio all'Olympic Park.

Stando alle previsioni Juventus e Preston dovranno affrontare la finale e la coppa che c'è stata "misteriosamente" riconosciuta alla V.F.F. dopo essere stata rubata dalla sede del Fawkes) la settimana dopo in quella che dovrebbe essere per il Green Gully la prima vittoria nella sconfitta beffarda subita nella finale del girone meridionale; come si ricorderà il Preston conduceva per 1-0 fino ai quattro minuti della fine del primo tempo, per poi essere travolto da un incredibile "forcing" bianconero.

Incanto si avvicina la Coppa Italia che sarà disputata sul campo del Veneto Club contro il Lazio (12.00), mentre il campionato di calcio si disputerà in una giornata di gara si incontreranno Vermont e Inter City (12.00), Bulleen Veneto e Nunawading Veneto (1.30), Thomastown e Juventus (3.30), Ivanhoe City e Fawkes (3.40).

Così per sicurezza la Ju-

ventus schiererà la formazione giovanile in cui faranno spicco i vari Palatides, Dourakovic, Minichiello, Mezzadra, Grbac, Greco e gli altri giovani della "Youth League" e della U/18 affidate a Fausto Tarquinio.

Fawkner e Thomastown invece si prevedono con formazioni quasi complete per cercare di chiudere la stagione in bellezza dopo le delusioni del campionato e della Dockerty Cup. Triestina e Veneto Buleian saranno sicuramente fra la protagoniste del torneo. L'East Brunswick Abruzzese venderà cara la pelle.

Con il livellamento dei valori fra le squadre blasonate

la presenza di una formazione giovane ma dotatissima della Juventus, la Coppa Italia di quest'anno si annuncia più avvincente ed interessante del solito.

L'ottima organizzazione del Vertus e le sue magnifiche attrezzature faranno sicuramente il resto per rendere il torneo piacevole per gli spettatori. C'è da augurarsi che dirigenti e giocatori abbiano come compito principale l'insegnamento della sportività e facciano onore al buon nome del calcio italiano locale.

Mentre le squadre stanno affrontando gli ultimi impegni di stagione, i dirigenti del Vertus stanno già cominciando a preparare le assemblee generali per i renfer conto del loro operato ai rispettivi soci.

Stando a quanto dichiarato recentemente dal presidente Carlo Graffeo, il Fawiner ha avuto un'ottima annata sotto il profilo amministrativo e sportivo. Il bilancio ufficiale con un attivo di circa 2.900 euro, avendo iniziato l'anno con un passivo quasi doppio.

Carlo Graffeo c'è il primo ad ammettere che la squadra ha deluso per motivi ormai noti, che si possono riassumere in una sola parola: "inesperienza". La parte del comitato per il 2001, che ha governato gli aspetti tecnici dello sport del club,

Egli però è ovviamente più che soddisfatto del risultato finanziario ed è prontissimo a riprendere in mano le redini del club per il prossimo anno, intenzionato a mettere a buon frutto l'esperienza acquisita quest'anno. All'assemblea generale del club vorrà però l'assicurazione di maggior impegno da parte dei soci che durante la passata stagione hanno dato segno di perdersi entusiasmo a causa dei rovesci della squadra.

Alla Juventus la situazione è completamente l'opposto. Il presidente Schiavelli sembra ancora intenzionato a non ricandidarsi per la presidenza.

la squadra ha avuto un anno strepitoso culminato nella conquista del titolo nazionale; la cassa sociale probabilmente finirà con un "buco" di diverse decine di migliaia di dollari.

Che la Juventus chiuda l'anno in "passivo finanziario" e' del tutto normale poiche' e' ovvio che quest'anno il club ha abbandonato qualsiasi prudenza finanziaria ed ha puntato decisamente alla vittoria dello scudetto sia con importanti (e costosi) acquisti che con generosi compensi a giocatori.

Non si tratta perciò di una perdita, ma piuttosto di un assennato investimento che ha dato i risultati sperati. La Juventus doveva giustamente puntare al successo a tutti i costi per "risvegliare" la comunità italiana ormai in letargo da diversi anni. Lo strepitoso successo ottenuto vale tutti i soldi che è costato.

Otto però è necessario che questo non indifferente "investimento" sia fatto fruttare e che la situazione favorevole creata si intorno al club bianco-nero venga messa a buon uso e tramutata in tesseramenti, sponsorships e donazioni.

Purtroppo il nuovo comitato (che dovrebbe contenere la maggior parte degli attuali dirigenti) non sarà formato fino alla metà del prossimo mese e lo stato di incertezza attuale rischia di far svanire lentamente parte dei frutti del successo.

Comunque il presidente Schiavelli ha già assicurato da tempo che, nonostante la rinuncia a reggere il timone del club per un altro anno, consorziava come principale sponsor della squadra tramite la Prima Offerta furniture, una ditta affiliata della Schiavelli Bros.

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